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WILL FEATURE IN CLINTON CONFERENCE

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Brother Estes, a splendid song leader, along with his fine traits as a pastor, will lead in a 45-minute conference on Evangelistic singing at the Conference, Clinton, March 23-26.



PASTOR O. P. ESTES
Picayune, Mississippi



PASTOR C. E. PATCH
Baldwyn, Mississippi

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

On February 18th, in the auditorium of the new Baptist Building in Dallas, Texas, the Relief and Annuity Board met for the twenty-fourth annual session. Dr. S. J. Ezell of Alabama brought a very timely devotional thought, using as his text Revelation 1:17-18.

Dr. Thomas J. Watts, the executive secretary, presented his annual report to the Board—a summary of which follows:

Another Year of Notable Achievement

1. Inauguration of the Ministers Retirement Plan in the states of New Mexico and Arizona as of January 1, 1941, operating in connection with the Plan (Continued on Page Six)

CONVENTION BOARD RECEIPTS INCREASE \$7,195.93; FEBRUARY, 1942, SHOWS INCREASE OVER 1941

	Cooperative Program	Miscel.	Now Club & 5M Club	Total
1942, Feb.	11632.77	10522.47	5998.73	28153.97
1941, Feb.	9269.97	8152.77	3555.30	20978.04
Gain for February	2363.80	2369.70	2443.43	7195.93

MISSIONARIES IN WAR AREAS SEEM SAFE

A cablegram from Dr. Beddoe announces the arrival of "waves of refugees including 400 penniless Baptists."

Communication Concerning Hong Kong: Under date of February 10 a letter was received from the Special Division of the Department of State from which we quote: "The department has received a telegram dated January 27, 1942, from the American legation at Lisbon communicating a message received from the former American consul general at Hong Kong to the effect that all American nationals at Hong Kong were well but had been interned by the Japanese. This information was further confirmed in a telegram dated February 1, 1942, from the American legation at Bern which received a similar report from the Swiss consul at Canton."

News from Shangtung: On February 13th a cablegram dated February 12 was received from R. E. Beddoe in Wuchow which brings the following good news: "DIRECT CONTACT SHANGTUNG MISSIONARIES AS USUAL."

Funds Reached Macao: We are glad to report that funds sent to J. L. Galloway through a Portuguese bank have reached him safely.

Communications with the Far East: It has been suggested by the Committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference that families and friends of missionaries avoid mention in communications which might be of political nature in order to avoid trouble with the censors.

Air Mail from Free China: On February 21 the Foreign Mission Board received the first letter from China written since the outbreak of war. This was a letter from J. R. Saunders of Shiuchow, Free China, dated December 26th and sent by way of the Africa Clipper. The letter was nearly two months en route.

Inquiries to State Department: The Committee on East Asia has advised all Boards to put into their bulletins the following statements:

- (1) Cabled inquiries might cost as much as \$100 each and it is probable that the inquirer will not receive a satisfactory reply.
- (2) The majority of cables received have not been in answer to inquiries from this side.
- (3) General reports have been received from missionaries in occupied areas and there seems little need for pressing individual inquiries now.

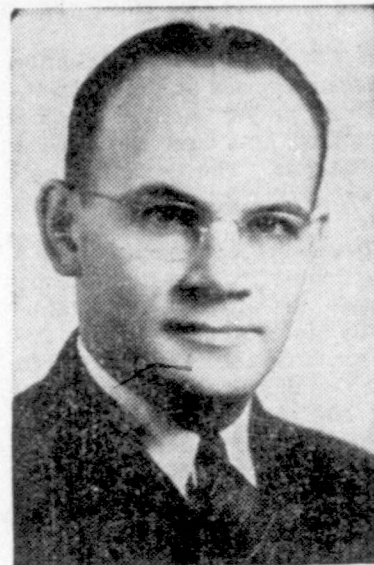
Excerpts from Committee on East Asia Reports:

"In response to our inquiry of January 28th, we have today received the following letter from Joseph C. Green, in charge of the special division:

"While arrangements have not yet been completed to enable relatives, friends or employers to make private funds available to Americans in enemy and enemy occupied territories, the department has made provision for the temporary relief of needy Americans in such territories. Some time ago, the department requested the American legation at Bern to ask the Swiss government to make immediately available to the Swiss representatives at Shanghai and at any other place in enemy territory where the need appeared to be urgent, allotments for disbursement, in the discretion of the Swiss representative, in small relief payments to those Americans having need of immediate financial assistance. The department has received confirmation from the legation at Bern that the Swiss government has issued instructions in this sense to its representatives and that emergency relief payments are actually being made to needy Americans in enemy territory. . . . The department is working on and hopes shortly to put into effect a satisfactory procedure to make private funds available to Americans in enemy territory, as well as to provide financial assistance in the form of loans to (Continued on Page Seven)

WELCOME TO THE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE!

Members of the Clinton Baptist Church and Clinton count it a real joy to be privileged to entertain the State Evangelistic Conference each year.



JAMES L. SULLIVAN

And as March 23rd approaches—the time for another Conference to begin, our people are busily making preparation that the guests who come may be made as comfortable as possible.

Not only are our own people helped each year by the attractive programs and the eloquent speakers, but also

by the fellowship they have with you, the Christian leaders and workers who attend from all sections of Mississippi. These happy associations bless us, our homes, and our church. And we open our homes gladly to those of you attending this Conference. The welcome is deep and sincere.

The program this year is unusually attractive, and promises in many ways to be the best Conference yet held. Those attending will receive lasting blessings.

Most of the homes of Clinton are being opened to receive those of the Evangelistic Conference as night-guests. These homes are within a short radius from Mississippi College Cafeteria where the meals will be served at 35c each or \$1.00 per day.

Registration for the meeting will be at the church. Those who come by train will find cars at the depot to transport them to the place of registration.

All we ask is that you drop a card to us, or to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, telling of your plan to attend. In this way reservations can be made in advance for you. Plan now to attend this great meeting and mail your reservations today.

Looking forward to the privilege of greeting you in Clinton on March 23, I am

Sincerely,

JAMES L. SULLIVAN, Pastor,
Clinton Baptist Church.

—BR—

"Food is a weapon of war and an instrument of peace," said Edward A. O'Neil of the American Farm Bureau of Federation, in a recent address. However, according to the Alcohol Tax Unit, "essential war material is being used in large quantities in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages." According to their report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941, the following materials were used in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages: Corn, 567,818 tons; Rye, 180,979 tons; Malt 106,721 tons and Molasses 3,528,000 gallons.

The Baptist Record is planning to have one of its office force at Clinton during the pastor's conference. Anyone attending the conference who desires information about his subscription, EVERY FAMILY subscriptions, the EVERY FAMILY Plan or any other matter will be welcome to talk with the attendant in charge.

Sparks and Splinters

The Baptist Record will have an exhibit at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference at Clinton. Anyone who wishes information about their subscription, EVERY FAMILY subscriptions, the EVERY FAMILY Plan or any other matter may discuss it with the attendant in charge.

Galilee Baptist Church at Gloster will have a revival from March 29 to April 5. Rev. C. Lee Bullard, pastor, will preach. Rev. M. E. Perry of Hattiesburg will direct the music and young people's work. The morning theme will be "Christians in Wrong Places." "He Died For Our Sins" will be the evening theme.

Briar Hill, Rankin County—Dr. R. B. Gunter, pastor, is having excellent crowds at prayer meeting. Last year at these prayer meeting services he taught John, Romans, Acts and Revelations. He is now teaching Hebrews. The Sunday School and W. M. U. with its auxiliaries, are both doing good work.—Reporter.

Rev. A. D. Muse, evangelist of Memphis and a native of Lawrence County, was with Calvary Church at Ocala, Florida, for three weeks in January, and one week with Soul Harbor Church in Columbus, Ohio. He is spending the month of March at Calvary Church at Ocala, and then has successive engagements at Memorial Church in Beaumont, Texas; Central Church, Columbus, Ohio; Baptist Tabernacle, Buffalo, New York; Van Wert, Ohio; and Lawrenceburg, Kentucky. He would like to have engagements in Mississippi for the months of July and August.

Escatawpa: Despite recent bad weather the construction of the new Sunday School rooms has continued and they expect to use them in the very near future.—Mrs. Joe Robinson.

Mrs. Willis Brown, who was Miss Ruby Taylor of the Sunday School Department, and her husband, who is a chaplain at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, send greetings to their many friends throughout the state.

Oversights just will occur. For instance, the article in last week's issue entitled, "A School of Nursing" should have had the name of Dr. A. U. Boon as author.

The Baptist Record would like very much to have the following 1941 minutes: Benton, Bolivar, Carroll, Chickasaw, George, Itawamba, Lawrence, LeFlore, Madison, Mississippi, Montgomery, Neshoba, Pearl River, Perry, Prentiss, Riverside, Scott, Sunflower, Tate, Wayne, Winston, Yazoo and Zion.

In another column appears an obituary of Rev. T. R. Paden, a native of Mississippi, who spent his early ministerial years in this state and then moved to Texas.

Pace: We have paid off all our debt, with the help the Board gave us; installed a Butane heating system, and have painted the church inside and out, and every dollar is paid.—E. G. Evans, pastor.

Rev. Cecil H. Franks has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of West Helena, Ark., to accept the Robinson Avenue Baptist Church of Springfield, Mo. During his five years' pastorate at West Helena there were 660 additions to the church and the debt was reduced to \$1,200.

During the two years that Rev. Charles B. Hamlet has been pastor of Clark-Venable Church at Decatur, the work has grown from one-half to full time; 128 new members have been received, the Sunday school enrollment has grown from 198 to 359, the Training Unions have increased from three to eight, the Sunday school became a Standard, new organizations were added to the W. M. U., the B. S. U. organized and the B. S. U. workshop begun.

For the second time in fourteen months Tchula has raised the salary of Pastor C. J. Olander. Of course, we don't think the EVERY FAMILY PLAN caused this, but it certainly didn't hinder it. Tchula is an EVERY FAMILY church.

"The Son of Consolation" is a book of sermons, all based on Barnabas. The author is Dr. J. G. Hughes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn. There are ten of the sermons, and every one of them is interesting. As the author well says, "This book has grown out of my preaching." It is published by the Broadman Press, and may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store.

Ludlow: Attendance at Sunday school, B. T. U. and preaching has increased. Finances are also growing.—Reporter.

Bro. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall is to be with the pastor on March 22, at Overt, Jones County, at the 11 o'clock service; Seminary, Perry County, at 2:30, and Union, Perry County, at 7:30. Pray for us that we will have great services. We are sure to be inspired.—Paul Z. Ball, pastor.

Carmel Baptist Church of Lawrence County still goes forward. Of a resident membership of about 130 members we had in attendance Sunday, March 8, 110 with the average attendance of 100 for the year 1942. Our Sunday school has 120 members. The superintendent is Mr. Guy Mitchell. We have a full grade B. T. U. which holds the efficiency banner of the county. The B. T. U. membership is 89 with an average of 80. The B. T. U. director is Mrs. Buell Russell. Our pastor is Rev. D. O. Horne of Monticello, Mississippi.—Gloria Cox, reporter.

Overt, Seminary and Union—I am happy to report good work being done in these churches. On the second Sunday, Overt voted to go half time, and we are praying for great work to be done for the Lord. Seminary has organized a Sunday school and a W. M. U. Overt and Union have pledged one or more memberships to the Now Club. So we see an interest being manifested for the great cause of God.—Paul Z. Ball, pastor.

The Baptist church at Lake, under the able leadership of its pastor, Rev. E. A. McGriff, is progressing in the kingdom's work in a great way. The EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record was unanimously adopted at the last regular church service. The church went back on the budget plan this year, and all financial obligations are being met without any trouble. A Butane gas system has recently been installed. They have an active Sunday school, mid-week prayer service, and B. T. U. The church is going forward with the Lord's work, and anticipating great things. Brother McGriff came from Alabama. His enthusiasm, vision and deep consecration have inspired the church to greater effort. They are blessed in having him as pastor.

Rev. H. B. Speights has been called as pastor at Calvary Church, Silver Creek, Miss.

A new Book of Sermons has just come from the Broadman Press. The author is Dr. Warren M. Seay, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Banfort, S. C. Dr. Seay combines deep spirituality, understanding of the Scripture, beautiful English and effective illustration to give us a volume of twenty sermons. The price is \$1.00, and it may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

The church building of the Holly Springs Church has recently undergone extensive redecoration and repair. The entire auditorium and third floor have been remodeled, the floors refinished, the walls painted, and the wood-work refinished. All outside doors and windows have been weather-stipped with the best metal weather-stripping. All the windows have had the old putty removed, and have been corked with material that will last as long as the building. The congregation is happy over the new beauty and added comfort of the house of worship. The money for the work was on hand before the contracts were let.

His many friends will be interested to know that Rev. J. E. Barnes, formerly pastor at Ocean Springs, has retired from the pastorate at Foley, Alabama. He is now located at 1456 Eslava street, Mobile, Alabama. His son has recently been called as pastor at West Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Byrd proudly announce the birth of their second son, Hersey Davis, born Sunday morning, February 22. He weighed eight pounds and four ounces at birth. He is named for Dr. William Hersey Davis, head of the New Testament Department of the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky. He will be called Davis. The first son is Edward L., Jr., who is now four and one half years of age.

The following cable was received by the Foreign Mission Board on February 27: "Galloway suffering privations. Regret report Rankin's party confined Stanley prison with insufficient food. Need prayers under crushing responsibility."—Robert Beddoe.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"PREJUDICE VS. TRUTH"

The truth has a hard time penetrating or scaling the walls of prejudice. This is especially true in the religious realm. As Dr. Venable used to tell me, "Many Christian people know so much that is not true." We make up our minds before we learn the facts. When we make up our minds, all too often we shut them up. Christian people have many prejudices that they have either absorbed or inherited. They raise difficult barriers to their learning the truth. A surprisingly few learn their doctrines from the Bible. Not many shape their opinions as a result of careful study and investigation.

If we are to be Christians, we should by all means seek to learn the truth and to follow the truth. Always we need to escape the bias which prejudice unfavorably creates. If we would follow this course, we would be amazed at the changes it would create in due time regarding the truth of what we believe.

—BR—

From the State Department in Washington comes the news that a telegram has been received from Shanghai dated February 19, transmitted through Bern, Switzerland, reporting that all Baptist missionaries in Shanghai are in good health, are remaining in their homes, and continuing their work. This telegram included the name of the Reverend Arthur Samuel Gillespie of Kaifeng, also as being well and located in Shanghai.

Rev. Z. Paul Freeman writes of new work opened in Tucuman, Argentina. At first there was great difficulty in keeping order, having to preach while fire crackers were thrown through the doors and rocks thrown on the roof. By degrees, however, a more favorable element came to the services. A young seminary graduate is helping in this church and he and Mr. Freeman are happy in the realization that "His word will not return unto Him void."

Second Avenue Church, Laurel—Finances are better than ever before. March 1st we began a Seven Weeks' Enlistment Revival. We are using the different organizations of the church to enlist the people. One organization is responsible for visitation and work each week, and in the worship service the following Sunday we feature that organization.

To New Salem, Berea and Bear Creek Churches—Beginning this week you are receiving the Record or the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Your hearty cooperation makes this possible. I trust that each of you will read your paper from week to week, and that our churches might grow in spiritual power, "for where there is no vision the people perish." Your pastor, H. H. Ward.

Fifth Avenue, Hattiesburg—Rev. Thos. S. Messer, who was recently ordained to the Gospel ministry, is a son of our own Deacon T. J. Messer, and a grandson of our own Deacon J. D. Caperton.

Lake—In sending in the EVERY FAMILY list from Lake, Pastor E. A. McGriff says, "Our people were very glad to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Record. We had three additions yesterday and have recently installed a gas heating plant in the church."

The dries won in the 1941 local option elections in the ratio of more than two to one, says the Anti-Saloon League of America after a nation-wide survey. About 950 elections were held, according to the best information obtainable, of which the dries won 650. Since repeal, the best estimates indicate that 13,350 local option elections have been held, the temperance forces being victorious in 8,350 of them.

Mississippi Baptists sent \$1,526.98 for the Hundred Thousand Club in January and February. This is an increase of \$251.53 over the same months in 1941.

Bethany Church, Lauderdale County, has gone from one-fourth time to one-half time preaching service. The church has gone on the budget system beginning the first Sunday in March.—Reporter.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR MARCH

Evangelism.

Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, 23-26, inclusive.

Sunday School Missions.

B. T. U. Study Course Month.

Home Missions Week of Prayer—March 2-6.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

March 8-13—Bolivar County B. T. U. Enlargement Campaign.

March 29, Home and Foreign Mission Day and Offering in Sunday School.

March 8-15, B. S. U. Cooperative Mission Week.

Arrange for delegates to State W. M. U. Convention April 7-9 at First Baptist Church, Meridian.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR FOR APRIL

By D. A. McCall

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Evangelism.

Cooperative Program Causes.

B. T. U. Secretary Visits Associations.

S. S. Training Course.

S. S. Convention, Brookhaven, 28, 29.

W. M. U. Convention, Meridian, 7-9.

Now Club Emphasis.

Associational Evangelism.

Vacation Bible Schools.

Christian Literature and Church Libraries.

Fellowship Offering.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BIBLE?

Clarence W. Payne, owner of the C-P Syndicate, in Houston, Texas, has for a number of years been conducting an exhaustive research covering the unusual things which can be found in the Bible. After compiling several hundred of these items, he went before many individuals and organizations in different church denominations, asking singly and in groups, several questions from his "Know Your Bible"—Quiz Questions: For Teacher and Class—syndicated feature.

The personal contact survey brought out the fact that there is an appalling ignorance of the Bible and its contents, a very large number of church members, ministers, Sunday school teachers and others outside of the churches, being "stumped" on the questions asked.

Here follows an additional "Ignorance Example," as taken by a professor of History and English in one of the largest colleges in the United States: "When this professor spoke of the prophet Elijah to the class of college girls, and asked them what they knew about Elijah, none of the girls was prepared to respond. Eventually, one reluctant girl asked the professor if she was not referring to the heroine in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' (Eliza)."

On another page in your Baptist Record, your publisher presents the above named writer's syndicate feature, number one of a series, called "Know Your Bible," and your opinion and comments on the same will be greatly appreciated by publisher and originator.

If you like this feature write us. If you don't like it, let us know.

PROPHETIC PATRIOTISM by Dr. Carter Helm

Jones is a book of sermons published by the Broadman Press. We meant to read this book bit by bit as opportunity afforded. But when we opened it, it was so fascinating that we did not put it down until we had completed it. It may not be a must book, but it certainly would help anybody. The price is \$1.00 and may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

25 YEARS AGO

Rev. R. C. Blalock has resigned at Amory.

Announcement is made this week by Dr. W. T. Lowrey, president of the board of trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, that the name has been restored as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. (The Board of Trustees had recently voted to change the name to Good Samaritan Hospital. The move met with much opposition.)

The Jackson Daily News reports that Rev. Owen Williams, of Aberdeen, Ohio, has been called to the pastorate at Brooksville.

Booneville church last week paid off a debt of \$5,800 on their building, which cost \$14,000. They are now rejoicing and preparing for the dedication service.

Northeast Mississippi preachers' and workers' Bible school was held at Tupelo last week.

Rev. R. A. Eddleman, of Shelby, writes: "Our meeting at Duncan begins Sunday, the eleventh. Dr. H. M. King is to do the preaching."

Dr. A. U. Boone, First Church, Memphis, will give his daughter, Martha Maria, in marriage to Frank Leavell, of Atlanta, Georgia, March 15.

Pastor T. L. Holcomb, of Pontotoc, recently assisted Rev. R. A. Eddleman in a fine meeting at Shelby.

Missionary J. G. Chastain has organized a church of Mexicans in Houston, Texas.

The First Church in Greenwood, under the wise leadership of Pastor W. C. Tyree, is spreading out. At a place in the city where a Sunday School has been maintained for some time, a church was organized last Sunday.

Last week McComb was blessed with many good things. Brother A. A. Walker, of Water Valley, was in East McComb holding a meeting. And teaching in the Bible school at First Church were Brethren Lipsey, Lawrence, Tull, Pugh, Chisholm and Miss Lackey.

The marriage of Miss Maggie Halsell and Rev. A. T. Whitten, both of whom were formerly connected with the Orphanage, has been announced by Supt. J. R. Carter.

We reprint part of an editorial from The Presbyterian (USA): "A simple, practical and inexpensive scheme is in vogue in the Southern Presbyterian Church which we commend. Every pastor forwards the names of men in his congregation called to service to a committee in Richmond. He gives name, camp and military designation, i. e., rank, company, battalion, etc. The Richmond committee assembles these names by camps and forwards, about once a week, a post card to the Presbyterian pastor in the community adjacent to the camp. The local pastor is in touch with the chaplains, and, either personally or through them, can call on the men. . . . If the pastors will regularly communicate with their own men, find out from them the name of the chaplain, then write him, and also follow the suggestion given above, the men of our churches can be followed anywhere they are called to go."

The Enterprise Baptist Church has just completed a Baptist Training Union Study Course. The Manuals for the various unions were taught. These classes were splendidly attended. We feel that this will create new interest in the work.—Sollie I. Smith, pastor.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

Called And Accepted

A. C. Lawson, Mardelo Church, Mardelo Springs, Md.

F. H. Leatherwood, Hazelwood Church, Hazelwood, N. C.

W. L. Magon, Carmen, Okla.

O. C. Markham, Poplar Heights, Tenn.

Gains Mason, Colleton Association, S. C.

John W. McKinney, Oklahoma Avenue Church, Shawnee, Okla.

J. P. McGraw, First Church, Three Rivers, Texas.

W. L. McSwain, Glen Alpine, N. C.

W. R. Medling, Harperville and Hickory, Miss.

Fred Parnell, associate pastor, Oak Knoll Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Clarence Phillips, Crossville and Macedonia, Ala.

A. H. Prewitt, Fellowship Church, Debach, La.

H. W. Robertson, Mayton, Miss.

J. H. Sutley, DeLaney Street, Orlando, Fla.

G. E. Swaim, Jay, Okla.

Howard Sorenson, Madison, Tenn.

Sherman E. Towell, Boethian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

R. T. Trammell, First Church, Hulbert, Okla.

Chesterfield Turner, Geary, Okla.

A. B. Woods, Ninth Avenue Church, Charlotte, N. C.

DIED

Charles T. Ball, Ft. Worth, Texas.

J. H. Benson, Arkadelphia, Ark.

J. M. Burgess, Blandville, Ky.

E. F. Curle, Highland Heights Church, Memphis, Tenn.

P. M. Curry, Dallas, Texas.

W. A. Dewart, Covington, Ky.

M. L. Dorton, Marion, N. C.

C. J. Hamilton, Humboldt, Tenn.

J. O. Hearne, Waxahatchie, Texas.

J. H. Heathington, Decatur, Texas.

J. E. Jones, Chester, S. C.

J. T. Jones, Gwinnett County, Ga.

C. R. Joyner, Spur, Miss.

RESIGNED

U. S. Franks, Highway Church, Seminole, Okla.

R. R. Gowan, Slater, S. C.

J. C. Gwaltney, Trouman Church, Stateville, N. C.

Joe Harbour, Urania, La.

R. E. Harrison, Quitaque, Tex.

Wm. Huffman, Central, Jonesboro, Ark.

David S. Homan, Mt. Carmel Church, Cordova, Ala.

J. H. Hughston, assistant pastor, First, Knoxville, Tenn.

John R. Joyner, Central, Americus, Ga.

E. F. Johns, Tarbio, Mo.

W. W. Long, First Blacksberg, S. C.

C. E. Lawrence, Heber Springs, Ark.

E. T. Mosely, Beaver Dam, Ky.

F. C. Medaris, Burden, Kan.

Rotho S. Manning, Echtach, Calhoun, Ga.

—BR—

What to Read—If people seem unkind, read the fifteenth chapter of John. If your pocketbook is empty, read the twenty-seventh Psalm. If you are discouraged about your work, read the one hundred and twenty-sixth Psalm. If you are all out of sorts, read the twelfth chapter of Hebrews. If you are losing confidence in man, read the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. If you can't have your way in everything keep silent and read the third chapter of James.—R. G. Deason, Dallas, Texas.

CROSBY—Pastor Virgil Ratcliff is rejoicing over a recent healthy increase in pastor's salary.

Dr. Austin Crouch reports that Southwide funds received by the Executive Committee for February, from Mississippi, total \$18,978. He also reports that total receipts for the present Convention year exceeds the same period last year by \$179,964.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion, reports that the Hundred Thousand Club receipts for 1941 were 65% more than in 1940, and January and February, 1942, show a 90% increase over the same months for 1941.

WANTED—The names of Sunday Schools that have been STANDARD for ten or more consecutive years.

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NO UNION FOR BAPTISTS

The leading editorial in the January issue of Missions, a Baptist magazine, is devoted to pointing out the desirability of the union of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

According to the quotation below the editor seems to hope that the proposed joint session of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions to be held in Washington, D. C., in 1944 will lead to such a union:

"Is there sadness or humor in the announcement that in 1944 the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions will hold joint sessions as at Washington in 1933 and at St. Louis in 1936? What will result from the proposed meeting two years hence, particularly since that year will mark the 100th anniversary of Northern and Southern Baptist separation? They split in 1844 over the slavery question. In marriage it is happy union and not divorce that occasions anniversary celebrations. Perhaps the proposed joint meeting will prompt questions about reunion.

"There has been no merger among Baptists since the union of Free Baptists and Northern Baptists more than 30 years ago. The recent union of the three divisions of the Methodist church ought to cause Baptists to do some unification thinking. Where is the constructive statesmanship, the ecclesiastic idealism, and the public-spirited leadership that will take the next step in welding American Baptists into a more efficient and more influential unity?"

After the merger of the Canadian Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches the editorial asserts some of the results were:

1. A farewell to denominationalism.
2. Increase of missionary giving.
3. Elimination of competing Home Mission work.
4. Economy in church administration.
5. Six boards instead of twenty-six.
6. One publishing society, instead of three.
7. One church paper, instead of three.
8. Number of seminaries reduced from fifteen to eight.

He seems to hope that a union of Northern and Southern Baptists would have somewhat similar results.

Not one of the reasons named above are applicable to Southern and Northern Baptists.

Instead of "a farewell to denominationalism" many Baptists need to be more firmly grounded in the faith. One Baptist weakness is the idea that one church is as good as another. While we love our Northern Baptist brethren, Southern Baptists do not, and we hope never will, embrace some Northern Baptist practices.

Instead of union causing an increase of missionary offerings, the very opposite would result. Many Southern Baptists would refuse to give even as little as many now give. They would not support a unified denomination that condoned some of the loose practices which now characterize many Northern Baptist churches.

Such a union would not eliminate "competing Home Mission Work" for the very simple reason that Northern and Southern Baptists do not compete in Home Mission work. In Dr. M. N. McCall's recent book about our Cuban Home Mission work, he explains that Northern Baptists operate in one part of Cuba and Southern Baptists in another. Southern Baptists do Home Mission work in the South and the Northern Baptists do likewise in the North.

And certainly there is no merit in the claim that fewer boards would be required. The territory of either the Northern or Southern Conventions is now so large that even the Boards located in central territory are far removed from much of their constituency. We are not familiar with Northern Baptist Boards, but all our Boards are doing a good

work. Their abolishment or consolidation is unthinkable.

Nor is there anything to be gained by consolidating the publishing societies, and our Sunday School Board. The Sunday School Board prices compare favorably with any in the country. Already their publications are published in such quantities that consolidation would bring no price reduction. And if any other like organization is doing as good a job of teaching and training as our Sunday School Board, let's not kill them, but rather bid them God speed.

Weakest of all is the argument that church papers could be consolidated. Northern Baptists tried that. The results were disastrous. Today each state in the Southern Baptist Convention has a paper devoted to the particular needs of that state. The plan is working well. Several Southern Baptist state papers have a circulation that some papers that have combined would like to have. In Mississippi, 25,000 families, or one-third of the Baptist families get The Baptist Record. What combined paper can match that figure of one-third its constituency? The Baptist Standard of Texas has over 55,000 circulation. If all Northern and Southern Baptist papers were combined into one United States Baptist paper, the Texas circulation would not stay above the 50,000 mark long.

Reducing the number of seminaries—in the South at least—would hurt instead of help. Kentucky is a better Baptist stronghold today because of the presence of the Seminary at Louisville. The same is true of Texas and the Southwestern Seminary. And much of the marvelous growth of Baptist affairs in New Orleans is due to the work and influence of the Baptist Bible Institute. Surely Southern Baptists would never agree to the combination of these great schools into one. If some of our Northern Baptist Seminaries would exalt Christ more and modernism less they, too, would become great factors in their territory, and the number of students would increase.

The United States may not be too large for a United Methodist church or other similar ecclesiastical organization. Canada may be just the right size for a United Church of Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodists, but since the division in 1844 Southern Baptists have had a marvelous growth. Our institutions, organizations, numbers and influence have grown by leaps and bounds. No Southern Baptist that we know entertains any notion of union, but if any one does, to him we say, "Why change from something that is a proven success to something that is certain to fail?"

All Baptists ever get out of union is STUNG.

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OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

AN IRONIC COINCIDENCE

By Louie D. Newton

An ironic coincidence which should stab us every one live awake appeared in last Sunday's Atlanta Constitution, when on its front page we read Ward Morehouse's brilliantly written story of the "terrific soldier trade of wide-open dens of gambling and prostitution" in Phoenix City, within three minutes' drive from downtown Columbus, Georgia, and on page two of the same paper we read the call to a state defense meeting for the purpose of strengthening the morale of our civilization and armed forces for a fight unto death to maintain democracy.

And at the meeting on Sunday afternoon, we listened to the senior senator from Georgia declare that this death struggle demands an all-out effort of our best manhood and womanhood, or we are doomed to defeat.

Why do we go on making fools of ourselves? Where can the student of history open the record to a single page in the story of man where diseased, drunken soldiers have ever won a war?

Where is the historian who can find the page and the line that refutes the Word of God which

declares that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"?

Why go on bemoaning the rapid increase in venereal disease among the soldiers and sailors, while newspaper writers like Ward Morehouse tell us that these dens are operating wide-open, and quoting the operators of these places as saying, "The city hall will notify us in plenty of time if we've got to shut down"?

I am grateful The Constitution had the courage to print the story. We need not seek to defend ourselves by saying that we do not know the facts. And I believe that we are every one guilty of tacit sabotage so long as we supinely stand by and allow this reckless destruction of our best manpower by these dives of iniquity and greed.

Senator George can talk himself hoarse, begging us to stand up like men and women and face this tragic challenge, and we can pay taxes until we have no money left, and still we can lose this war and go down in shameful defeat, if we allow our men to be destroyed by liquor and prostitutes and gamblers before they ever reach the battle line.—Christian Index.

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Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

A REGENERATED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

One of the distinguishing doctrines of Baptists is a regenerated church membership. In this they are eminently scriptural for it is said of the early New Testament church "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved." (Acts 2:47 R. V.) The meaning of the word church—ecclesia—"the called out ones" implies that they have become followers of Christ and therefore have had an experience of grace. The definition usually given of the church, viz: "A body of baptized believers in the Lord Jesus under covenant to do His will" declares those who constitute it to have believed in Christ and are therefore possessors of eternal life. Of tremendous import is this scriptural tenet and Baptists, who alone stand for it, would be far better off if through the years they had "more earnestly contended for it" in practice as well as holding it as a mere written dogma. So loose have the people calling themselves Baptists become in the matter of bringing people into church fellowship that it is no longer a distinguishing trait. The applicant is received upon a mere PROFESSION of faith, which profession is made by answering a few leading questions and but little or no effort is made to ascertain whether or not they know what they are really professing to believe. The result is, judging by their lives and conduct—their fruits—our churches are filled with unregenerated members for which we claim not to stand.

It will not be amiss to point out some of the reasons why we Baptists are no longer continuing in the practice of this teaching.

(1) A desire to count numbers.

Of our numbers we are disposed to boast. When the census returns are in—correct or incorrect, and we raise complaint sometimes because we think they are incorrect—putting Baptists at or near the top of the list of religious denominations, a feeling of pride wells up in us. Our standing in the eyes of the world is determined by our numbers but not so in the eyes of God. "Man looketh on the outward appearance; God looketh on the heart." God works through the few and not through the many. Ex. "Gideon's band." God said to Israel, "Should I give the battle to the many they will say, 'By OUR hand we did it.'" It is quality and not quantity that is needed.

(2) The evangelists and so-called evangelistic pastors.

The average evangelist and the pastors who are jealous of their reputation, human as they are, know full well that they must make a showing if their services are in demand. So they put on the pressure to get professions and to add names to the church roll. This writer speaks from long observation. It has been his painful duty "to put on the brakes" in more than one instance lest he have

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GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

NEW PASTOR LEADS CHURCH TO ADOPT EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Dr. I. E. Rouse is a native Mississippian, but for several years was pastor in Kentucky. A few months ago he returned to his native state and became pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. During these months the church has made marvelous progress. Some of these forward steps have been mentioned in recent issues of the Record. Among these accomplishments is the adoption of the EVERY FAMILY PLAN. But this was to be expected, for the EVERY FAMILY PLAN has become the expected thing among many Mississippi churches, and Dr. Rouse being a Mississippian and realizing its value, just did the expected thing. The circulation manager remembers him during his Seminary days and has not yet forgiven him for the power he always put behind that hand ball.



DR. I. E. ROUSE

Baptist Record subscribers in Forest county are now listed as follows: CALVARY 13; Estabutchie 1, GLENDALE 41, HATTIESBURG FIRST 481, 38TH AVENUE 55, Imanuel 1, RIVER AVENUE 45, Miscellaneous Hattiesburg 12, MAIN STREET 371, McLaurin 11, Providence 1, RICHBURG 21, Route 3 Hattiesburg 1, FIFTH AVENUE 89, ZION HILL 46, Mars Hill 10.

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Rev. James E. Drane is young in years but many older pastors might well follow in his footsteps. Recently he became convinced of the value of the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY PLAN and immediately took steps to lead his church, Bethesda, in Jefferson County, to adopt it.

Brother Drake is a graduate of Monticello high school in 1939, and is now a student at Clarke College. He has been pastor of Bethesda since March, 1941. They have an active Sunday School and B. T. U. and hope to make even greater progress under the information and inspiration provided by The Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

Baptist Record readers in Jefferson county are listed as follows: BETHESDA 21, ELMO 29, FAYETTE 43, Fellowship 3, Red Lick 4, UNION CHURCH 8.

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The Baptist Record circulation in Neshoba County now is as follows: COLDWATER 36; DIXON 12; IMMANUEL 11; McDonald 1; OAK GROVE 16; PHILADELPHIA 249; SARDIS 22; SPRING CREEK 29; NESHOPA 15; OLD PEARL VALLEY 33; Cedar Hill 1; SALEM 12; LINWOOD 33; HOPE 27; MT. SINAI 15.

THE NEW ORDER

P. I. Lipsey

Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John: From that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached." That is the way the American Revisers render Luke 16:16.

We hear today a good deal about the "New Order" in the world. Jesus taught it 1900 years ago, and if we are wise we will get our idea of a new order from Him. This will be found expressed in few and plain words in this discourse near the close of Jesus' ministry. It is our privilege and responsibility to look at these words or phrases closely and separately.

It is clear that there is a clean break between the new era and the old. Law and gospel are not the same thing. The religion of the Jew is not the same as the religion of the Christian. They are not two ways of looking at the same thing. There are not two ways of approaching God, or of worshiping Him or serving Him. There are not two ways of being saved, nor of doing service to Him or in His name. You cannot amalgamate the religion of the Jew and the religion of the Christian. They are not the same and they cannot be made to coalesce into one. Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John." From that time their mission is accomplished and another regime comes in, supplanting the old.

This becomes clear everywhere the kingdom of God was preached. The Pharisees recognized that the ministry of Jesus was different and would put them out of commission. A new authority had come into being. Jesus had no hesitancy in saying, "But I say unto you." One charge against Him at the last was that He proposed to destroy the temple, and He did predict its destruction. The same charge was made at the trial of Stephen. Paul said that he had kept the law blamelessly, but that all this he had discarded and counted it as refuse. He cautioned his converts everywhere against the idea that the religion of Jesus was identical with keeping the law. He said they were two separate things and not to be confused. If you go by the law route, you abandon the grace route.

This is not to discredit the law. It was really to discover what the law was for, our school master to lead us to Christ. Jesus said He did not come to destroy the law but to fulfill or complete it, to help men to do what the law meant them to do, and to be what the law meant them to be. Jesus in this sixteenth chapter of Luke says: "It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail."

But the change is very real and Jesus tells us in this connection what the differences are between the new and the old. It is worthwhile to mention them and this we do.

1. The gospel of the kingdom of God is UNIVERSAL. This Jesus expressed in the words, "Every man entereth." These were universal elements of truth in the Jew's religion, but there were also elements which were temporary and local or racial. Such was circumcision, the temple worship and ritual and many ordinances about days and meats, etc. These were a shadow of good things to come, but the body is Christ. The Kingdom of God is for all men on the same terms. "He is Lord of all." "God so loved the world." He is the propitiation for our sins, but not ours only but for the whole world.

2. The gospel of the kingdom by the same words, "every man," is clearly declared to be a personal and individual matter. A Jew was a Jew whether he wanted to be or not. He was born that way. He came into all the prerogatives and privileges of his religion, not by choice or by his own volition but by the accident of birth, by his racial origin. Not so with the man who becomes a Christian. He is "born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, but of God." It is done by his individual and personal faith in Christ as Savior. This was a new era in religion.

3. Another characteristic of the new order introduced by John the Baptist when he began proclaiming that the kingdom of God is at hand, is that it belongs only to those who are purposeful, who have made up their minds to get into it at any cost. Luke quotes Jesus as saying "every man entereth violently into it." On another occasion

Matthew quotes Jesus as saying, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force." This is a dramatic way of saying that only those get in who have made up their minds to get into the kingdom at any cost. Jesus certainly warned that the Christian life was not an easy way. Recall what He said about the broad and strait road; also about counting the cost. And Paul reminds the Thessalonians that he had told them they were to expect hardship.

4. Another difference between the new era and the old is that the new is inward where the old was outward. It changes things on the inside and not on the outside. "God knoweth your hearts." Tables of stone give place to hearts of flesh. "I will write it on your hearts, and it shall be graven on the inward parts." This is a thing which Nicodemus found it hard to grasp. No longer the circumcision of the flesh but a change of heart is necessary. Circumcision is not anything, nor is uncircumcision, but a new creature, Gal. 6:15.

5. A new motive characterizes the new era. "The love of Christ constraineth us." Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men; but God knoweth your hearts." "A decent respect for the opinions of men" belongs to the old order, but the new has as its motto, "Unto the Lord."

6. A new and higher standard of conduct is characteristic of the new era. So that what is exalted among men becomes now an abomination in the sight of God. The Pharisees strictly practiced giving a tenth of their income: Jesus showed that in the kingdom ALL THEY HAD was subject to draft for the service of God. And in the eighteenth verse Jesus specifically raises the standard in the matter of divorce. He had in the sermon on the mount specifically mentioned several items in which new standards must be set up. And says, "Except your righteousness shall exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom."

7. In this new order there is a radical change in the whole attitude toward men. Here's where the parable of the rich man and Lazarus comes in, in some respects the most difficult of all Jesus' teachings to understand. This difficulty is because it represents an attitude toward the underprivileged that we have been slowest to accept and adopt. To most men's thinking the rich man was a pretty decent sort of fellow. You can't put your finger on anything which he did that condemns him. It is not what he did that condemns him. It is what he did not do. He felt no responsibility for others. He didn't mistreat Lazarus. He doubtless thought highly of himself because he allowed him to lie at his door; that he permitted him to gather up the crumbs which were swept out of the kitchen door. He permitted him to subsist on the garbage can. But he shared none of the good things, did not feel any responsibility for giving him a fair chance in the world. He thought of nothing but himself.

In the Kingdom of God it is not so. The social principle in the Kingdom of God is sharing. It is giving ourselves and our substances. From this time the Kingdom of God is preached.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GORDON SMITH

A memorial service will be held in the Calvary Baptist Church near Vicksburg, Sunday, March 22, by the American Legion Post of Vicksburg in honor of one of the charter members, Gordon Smith, who was killed in action with the Navy, aboard the Admiral's Flagship during the Gilbert Island raid. He is the son of Mrs. Larkin Smith. Services will be held at the regular 11:00 o'clock hour, according to the pastor, Rev. Glynn Miller.

During a recent period of illness of the pastor, who was in the Baptist Hospital for a tonsilectomy the church enjoyed the pleasure of having Rev. Cecil Jones fill the pulpit. Cecil is a sophomore at Mississippi College, and is pastor of Hurricane church in Attala County. He is a good speaker and the church enjoyed his services. The following Sunday Rev. Earl George, who is a member of the sophomore class also of Mississippi College, accompanied the pastor and delivered two good sermons. He is an able speaker and was enjoyed and appreciated very much by all who heard him.

NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB
A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

HONESTY * LOYALTY * VICTORY

An important meeting of District Now Club Chairmen (men and women) will be held in the Convention Board Office next Monday morning, March 23rd, at 10:30 sharp.

It will be necessary for this meeting to get off to a quick start that all considerations may be disposed of so that members may be on time at the starting of the Evangelistic Conference at 2:00 p. m., at Clinton.

No. 3376 for \$36, No. 3377 for \$36, No. 3378 for \$36, Kossuth in Alcorn (Mrs. W. C. Smith, worker).

No. 3430 for \$36, West Corinth in Alcorn (Mrs. Dewey Wallis, worker).

No. 614 for \$50, Antioch in Attala (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2505 for \$36, No. 2506 for \$36 and \$3, No. 616 for \$50, No. 646 for \$100, County Line in Attala (Hightower, field worker).

No. 645 for \$100, Springdale in Attala (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3427 for \$36, Shiloh in Calhoun County (Mrs. W. B. Bates, worker).

No. 3428 for \$36, East End, Columbus (Mrs. Talmadge Bradford, worker).

No. 50 for \$100, Leland in Deer Creek (McLaurin and Hightower, field workers).

No. 3421 for \$36, Pleasant Hill in DeSoto (Mrs. Joe Summers, worker).

No. 2505 for \$36, Agricola in George County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 2503 for \$36, No. 3562 for \$36, No. 3563 for \$36, No. 3564 for \$36, No. 3586 for \$36, Lucedale in George County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 593 for \$50, No. 54 for \$250, McLain in Greene County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3391 for \$36, Jackson-First in Hinds-Warren (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 643 for \$100 and \$6, No. 55 for \$250, No. 56 for \$250, No. 57 for \$250, No. 58 for \$250, Bay Springs in Jasper County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3429 for \$36, Old Hebron in Jeff Davis (V. L. Riley, worker).

No. 665 for \$50, Macedonia in Lincoln County.

No. 694 for \$100, Brooksville in Noxubee (John K. Wilson, worker).

No. 3560 for \$36, No. 3561 for \$36 and \$3, No. 592 for \$50, No. 53 for \$250, New Augusta in Perry (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3558 for \$36, No. 3559 for \$36, McComb-First in Pike (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3389 for \$36, No. 3390 for \$36 and \$3, Corinth in Simpson (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 675 for \$100, No. 676 for \$100, Good Water in Simpson (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 2504 for \$36 and \$6, No. 615 for \$50, No. 644 for \$100, Sylvarena in Smith County (Hightower, field worker).

No. 617 for \$50, Indianola in Sunflower (Hightower, field worker).

No. 664 for \$50, Bethel in Rankin (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 66 for \$500, No. 647 for \$100, Taylorsville in Smith (Hightower, field worker).

No. 3358 for \$36, Freedonia in Union County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3384 for \$36, No. 3385 for \$36, No. 674 for \$100, and \$3, Pleasant Hill in Union County (McLaurin, field worker).

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RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

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of the General Convention of Texas. On January 1, 1942, the District of Columbia signed an agreement with the Maryland Baptist Union Association and the Relief and Annuity Board, thus providing for the last group of our ministers in the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

2. During 1941 certificates of participation were issued to 862 ministers in the Ministers Retirement Plan and 303 were issued to employees of Boards, agencies and institutions among Southern Baptists. The total as of February 4, 1942, stands at 5016 members in the Ministers Retirement Plan and a total of 7527 in all the Board's Plans.

3. Retirements under Ministers Retirement Plan on December 31, 1941 of the 692 members eligible to retire, 349 had retired and are receiving their annuities. Many prefer to continue their pastoral duties a while longer. In Mississippi there were 28 eligibles and 12 have retired.

4. The Task Ahead

(1) On a basis of 12,000 pastors who devote themselves fully to the work of the ministry—with 42% as participants in the Ministers Retirement Plan we have 58% yet to enlist. They will need the Plan.

(2) There are several institutions and agencies that should avail themselves of the privilege of participating in their respective Plans.

5. The Relief Department

The sum of \$101,599.00 was distributed to 1241 beneficiaries: 58 of this number resided in Mississippi.

There is a poignant need for the expenditure of a great deal more money in supplying the needs of our aged ministers and widows than is possible with the present income of the Relief Department.

NOTE: At least one "Fellowship Offering" each year in connection with the Lord's Supper in our churches will help solve this problem for our worthy but needy beneficiaries.

6. Financial Statement

Income 1941

Investment income	\$ 238,809.01
Ministers Retirement Plan	546,840.46
Other plans, gifts, etc.	362,028.37
Total	\$1,147,678.84

for \$36, No. 3379 for \$36, No. 3382 for \$36, No. 3383 for \$36, No. 3386 for \$36, No. 647 for \$50, No. 648 for \$50, No. 649 for \$50, No. 650 for \$50, No. 651 for \$50, No. 652 for \$50, No. 653 for \$50, No. 654 for \$50, No. 667 for \$100, No. 668 for \$100, No. 669 for \$100, No. 670 for \$100, No. 671 for \$100, No. 672 for \$100, No. 673 for \$100, New Albany in Union County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3387 for \$36, No. 3388 for \$36, No. 655 for \$50, No. 44 for \$250, Wallerville in Union County (McLaurin, field worker).

No. 3422 for \$36, No. 3423 for \$36, No. 3424 for \$36, No. 3425 for \$36, No. 3426 for \$36, Water Valley in Yalobusha (Mrs. J. B. Atkinson, worker).

Over the Top Churches:

Antioch—Attala.
County Line—Attala.
Springdale—Attala.
Lucedale—George.
Emory—Holmes.
Oak Grove—Holmes.
Bay Springs—Jasper.
Freeny—Leake.
Standing Pine—Leake.
Brooksville—Noxubee.
Macon—Noxubee.
Runnelstown—Perry.
Corinth—Simpson.
Goodwater—Simpson.
New Zion—Simpson.
Sylvarena—Smith.
Bethel—Rankin.
Pleasant Hill—Union County.
New Albany—Union County.
Wallerville—Union County.
Unity—Union.
Mathiston—Zion.

HE WAS KILLED IN ACTION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

—for—

GEORGE SEBRON JOHNSTON

Died in action, Saturday, February 28, 1942

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 1942—2:30 P. M.

Processional—Chopin's "Funeral March."

High School Band, led by Chaplain C. L. Hults, followed by American Legion, City Officials, Class and Schoolmates and Ministers.

Prayer—Chaplain Hults

Our Boys in Service—Mayor L. O. Crosby

"Onward Christian Soldiers"—Audience

George Johnston in Our Schools—Supt. T. K. Boggan

"Abide With Me"—High School Band

Memorial Flowers—Class and Schoolmates

George Johnston in Our Church—B. C. Cox,

Church Clerk

Scripture Reading—Rev. J. H. Morrow

George Johnston Killed in Action—Chaplain Hults

Vocal Solo—Miss Acel Ross Mitchell

Challenge To All—Pastor O. P. Estes

Taps

Benediction—Rev. J. V. Currie

(The largest crowd in the history of the First Baptist church of Picayune attended this memorial service according to Pastor O. P. Estes. This service is the first of its kind to come to our attention. Editor.)

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WANTED: Names of deacons who have served in that capacity for twenty-five years.

Increase over 1940 \$ 142,653.90

Expenditures 1941

Relief benefits	\$ 101,856.00
Old annuity fund	232,162.04
Ministers Retirement Plan	144,279.45
Other plans, cash withdrawals, etc.,	258,279.45
Promotion and administration	84,150.54

Total \$ 820,719.23

Excess of income over expenditures \$ 326,959.61

Assets

December 31, 1941 \$5,470,277.87

Earned income on all investments was 4.30%.

Social Security Amendments

There are pending in Congress several bills looking toward the taxing of CHURCHES and CHURCH INSTITUTIONS and AGENCIES for the Social Security of their LAY EMPLOYEES. The Relief and Annuity Board declared itself as opposed to such a step. Provision has been made through its various PLANS to take care of our church and denominational servants 100 per cent. Baptists believe in the time-honored principle of the separation of church and state.

June 30, 1942—The Deadline

More than a year ago it was agreed that June 30, 1942, would be the DEADLINE. By that is meant that no prior service credits will be allowed those who enter the Ministers Retirement Plan after that date. Prior service credits are now allowed men who entered the Plan as of July 1, 1940 who were more than 40 years old. For instance, a minister was 47 years old at the time of beginning of the Plan; he was given credit for seven years and will draw benefits accordingly. To delay entering the Plan will be tragic to the men who are now old in the service and who were in this state when the Mississippi Plan was inaugurated. It will be costly to the younger ministers who delay because penalties will be charged against them. This is a Co-operative Plan. (Write Rev. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., for application blanks for both the church and the minister, now.)

Officers For 1942

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Fort Worth, Texas—President.

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C. J. OLANDER,

Mississippi Member,

Relief and Annuity Board, S. B. C.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH." Mt. 16:18.

"A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is — work with the construction gang,
Not with the wreckin' crew."

I SOUL-WINNING

Your Secretary sincerely appreciates the opportunity that has been his in Evangelism. If ever a person had great opportunity to preach the Gospel, our Lord and Mississippi Baptists have given us that opportunity. We trust we have been faithful.

"He that is wise winneth souls." Proverbs 11:30.

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19. Ezk. 33. John 15.

Casually scanning the "Date Book" we used in 1941 we find 50 lost persons in one service asking for prayer. There were 18 professions of faith in another service two days later. At the evening service 2 came for baptism and 2 by letter. Remember this is in January. Multitudes of church members act and talk as if God Almighty is interested in saving people only in the summer, and at that, the second week in July.

In another service 2 more came for baptism and one by letter. In another service 3 persons accepted Christ and presented themselves for baptism. A day later 2 more came by letter. The last Wednesday night of January 1941, 6 lost persons asked for prayer. (This is some of the fruitage of that terrible "overhead.")

In February one Sunday night we had the privilege of preaching the Gospel in Havana, Cuba, and one man stood up for Jesus for the first time.

In a large prairie section church in our state, two lost persons asked for prayer, 3 came by letter, and two for baptism.

In March in one of our best Delta churches one came by letter, 2 came the next day for baptism. Two days later 35 lost persons asked for prayer. Two days later 6 came for baptism and 5 by letter. The next day 3 more trusted Christ, and asked for baptism, and the next day 2 more came for baptism and 4 by letter. (In the vernacular of the street, "ain't that awful overhead?")

The same month in a fine North Central Mississippi church, 2 persons trusted Christ and asked for baptism, and one came by letter. In a later service another came for baptism. Two days later another came for baptism. Again, two days later 1 came by letter and 1 for baptism. The next day another came for baptism and 3 by letter.

The last Sunday of March we saw 3 persons walk the aisles for Christ asking for baptism. Six were baptized.

April 1 may be April-fool's Day, but there was little fooling around in April. The first week we saw 2 join the church by letter, 5 lost persons asked for prayer, and 7 others asked for prayer the next two days.

The second Sunday of that month we saw our Lord's church receive 5 by letter and 2 for baptism. The next day another came for baptism and 1 by letter. The next day 25 lost persons asked for prayer. The next day 4 more came by letter. Two days later 2 young men surrendered to definite service, one to preach the Gospel. Three persons came by baptism and 1 by letter.

The next week-end we saw 20 lost persons ask for prayer and 10 persons responded publicly to the invitation to accept and confess Christ; 3 soldiers were in this group; 6 very small children came; we did not receive them.

The last Sunday of that month we saw another one come on profession of faith and witnessed a truly great consecration hour.

The month of May the first Sunday, we saw 10 lost persons asking for prayer. A few days later we witnessed 4 confessing Christ and 1 joining the church by letter.

Two days later there was another for baptism,

and the next day 8 for baptism and 1 by letter.

The last Sunday of the month 3 lost persons asked for prayer.

At the start of June we saw 2 persons join the church by letter and 4 for baptism. Three days later another came for baptism and the next day one more by letter and 1 more for baptism. The pastor with whom we were working and a board member visited in forty homes during the week. This is a small church. On Sunday another came for baptism and 6 boys were baptized.

Turning the pages we note another for baptism, two more for baptism, still another for baptism, and another for baptism.

In a fine county-site church we saw 1 for baptism, 1 by letter, and another for baptism, 4 for baptism, 8 lost asking for prayer, 2 for baptism, and on the 13th, 10 for baptism, 4 by letter. WHO SAID THE 13th WAS UNLUCKY?

We were privileged to start off our birth-date month (our birth-date month in the flesh and in the kingdom) by seeing 3 persons join the church by letter, and 1 for baptism. A few days later we saw 8 others come for baptism.

We will summarize our findings for the last weeks of the year as we turn the pages by saying that on different days we saw 2 come by letter, two lost asking for prayer, 2 persons for baptism, 1 by letter, 2 by letter, 4 for baptism, and every person in a great First Church in South Central Mississippi respond to a consecration proposition, 1 lost asking for prayer, 82 confessed Christ. Six by letter, 1 by letter and two for baptism.

The above suggests only a portion of our activities. It may also suggest to many of you the reason why we have been happy in going out both day and night in telling His story. It has caused a perpetual "doxology" in our hearts.

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here be-low;
Praise Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;
Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost."

II

Leaf River Church, Covington County, has a very nice house of worship. Somebody has been faithful. This is Leland Speed's home community.

Brother Auber Wilds gave us his fine fellowship on the trip.

We enjoyed the home of genial Brother Reese and Mrs. Rogers for the evening meal. Here we have a pastor and people putting over a real rural program for Christ.

III

"How much better is a man than a sheep?" Matt. 12:12.

Occasionally, we hear someone say, "The soul of a man is worth a million dollars." Sometimes that man speaking does not contribute a dozen dollars a year to the work and workers seeking souls for Christ! Yes, worth a million, so long as someone else pays the million.

Oh yes, God's Son was the value God placed upon the souls of men. Many are satisfied to let God bear the cost yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Religious hitch-hikers!

IV

In III John (only 14 verses) five persons are named. The first is "Gaius the beloved." He was flourishing in the spiritual life. His Christian testimony was borne by his fellows in the Gospel ministry. He could recognize the truth and lime it. He was a convert of John's ministry. He helped the brethren along in their work for Christ.

God is mentioned. "God is love."

That name, referring to Jesus, comes next. "Sweetest Name on mortal tongue, sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus, blessed Jesus." See Acts 4:12.

How refreshing, how stimulating the references thus far!

We pass from the atmosphere of a flower garden to oppressive desert environment.

Diotrephes "loves the pre-eminence." He wanted to stand out. Besides the life and love of John he was dwarfed. He knew a way around that—he "receives us not." He just wouldn't have John coming around. What littleness! What cheapness! What meanness! All in the guise of a church leader, too! He would tear down the church and denomination in order to build his own "play-

MISSIONARIES IN WAR AREAS

(Continued from Page One)

needy Americans in those areas who may be without private resources. When this procedure is established, you will be promptly informed. As far as the department is aware, there are at present no channels through which funds may be sent from the United States to American citizens in enemy and enemy occupied territory."

"Under date of February 14th, Dr. Kepler of the Presbyterian U. S. A. Board reports: 'A letter received from our Dr. Clark in Free China dated December 26, 1941, informs us that at the time of writing it was possible to send and receive letters at Hengyang (Hunan) and Shanghai.'

"Also under date of February 14th, the China Inland Mission reports: 'Yesterday afternoon we received notice from Los Angeles of the receipt there of a cablegram from Chungking, China, sent evidently February 9 or 10, advising us "SHANGHAI LETTERS INDICATE COAST CONDITION PEACEFUL." While this does not add anything to the news already at hand, it is perhaps of later date than some communications, and we gather that it has been possible for letters from Shanghai to reach Chungking.'"

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TRI-STATE LINES AID BAPTIST RECORD

For over seven years The Baptist Record has had an advertising contract with the Tri-State Bus Lines. And now that tire rationing is causing many people to have to cut down on the use of their automobiles, we think it only fair to call the attention of our readers to the fact that the Tri-State Bus Line carries regular advertising in our columns. Other bus lines and railroads have repeatedly turned us down. Other things being equal, any time any of our friends can use the Tri-State Bus Lines they will be patronizing one of our good customers.

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We continue to hear good reports of the work at Waynesboro. Pastor Green says they are getting more money than they can use and wants advice as to where to put it. On a recent Sunday three were received for the Jordan. The pastor says that the Lord and the Record are the best factors in their progress.

house."

Back to the air of the flower garden! Demetrius—"to him testimony is borne by all, and by the truth itself."

We want to write some day about the Gaius and Demetrius of our ministry. We have had many such to help us in the Gospel. We may write about Diotrephes too. Thanks be to our God! We have know very few of that ilk!

V

Mrs. A. W. Reed, Toccopola, writes: "Enclosed . . . \$25.00 to Soldiers Fund. I am so sorry that our Baptists of Mississippi have given so little to the welfare of soldiers in our camps within the state. . . .

"May God bless every effort to win these boys to Christ. . . ."

VI

Pastor G. C. Hodge, a Board member, writes us that he is using the New Testament we were privileged to send him in leading six lost persons to the Lord Jesus as Saviour. Doxology!

VII

Next week four very important meetings in which this office is interested will be held:

Monday, 10:30 a. m. sharp, there will be a meeting of the District Now Club Chairmen. This meeting must start promptly at the appointed hour so that the business may be disposed of for the Evangelistic Conference beginning at two o'clock p. m.

Reservations have been pouring in for the Evangelistic Conference.

An important meeting of Evangelistic Committees will be held at 9:30 a. m.

The Executive Committee meets at this office, Friday at 10:00 a. m., following the Evangelistic Conference.

The Now Club Chairmen and Executive Committee meetings will be in this office. The other meetings will, of course, be at Clinton.

RELIEF WORK CONTINUED BY
SOUTHERN BAPTISTSBy Archibald M. MacMillan,
Publicity Director

The special offerings for World Emergency Relief in April primarily will be a continuation and enlargement of relief efforts already undertaken by Southern Baptists.

The appeal comes from the Baptist World Emergency Committee, which has sent forward \$200,000 to help save the work of British missions; the new funds to be raised will be administered by the Foreign Mission Board, which in the last four years already has sent forward about \$150,000 for Chinese relief.

Deep expressions of appreciation have come from officials of the British Baptist Missionary Society, started in 1793 by William Carey, for the generous and timely help of Southern Baptists in making possible the continuation of their mission work in Ceylon, India, China and other countries.

Likewise from China have come letters and pictures showing how pennies from Southern Baptists are putting rice bowls in the hands of starving Chinese and the love of God in their hearts, though these also show how pitifully inadequate the funds so far received have been in meeting the rising tide of starvation.

To Spain the Foreign Mission Board so far has sent about \$3,500 for special emergency relief. This has been used for soup kitchens and other forms of direct relief such as helping to feed undernourished Baptist native pastors. Such work can continue through Mrs. Nils J. Bengtson, Southern Baptist missionary who is a Swedish subject, and through the Baptist chapel in Madrid, the only place of worship for Protestants still open.

It would be tantalizing to keep a person alive two days only to let him starve on the third, and Southern Baptists will want to increase their ministries of mercy and extend it as the need grows greater in war-torn lands. Blessed with bounty from above, they would not want the blood of dying people on their heads.

As one of the few citadels of light and Christian freedom left in a dark world, America is being looked to for spiritual leadership in this hour of stress. God's judgment will determine if Southern Baptists do their duty by every hungry child of God who needs help desperately today.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren," the Saviour said, "ye did it unto Me" (Matt. 25:40). Ministering to the hungry of body and soul is fulfilling the highest duty and privilege of a Christian.

BIBLE CENSORSHIP

At the insistence of Cardinal Villeneuve, the most powerful political figure in Canada's Catholic province of Quebec, the provincial parliament recently passed a censorship law, ostensibly for the purpose of suppressing Communist literature.

But soon, the cardinal's censorship law was extended to cover the dissemination of the Protestant Bible and Bible literature. According to recent Canadian press reports, Quebec's police confiscated the trunks of a Protestant evangelist who was trying to conduct services there. Following is the inventory of the "Communist" literature that was seized:

- 489 copies, the Gospels, in French.
- 24 copies, Gospels, in English.
- 1 French New Testament.
- 1 French Bible.
- 1 English-French dictionary.
- 20 religious tracts, in French.
- 2 chorus books, English.

This put the Bible agent out of business. Last year in Franco Spain, over 100,000 copies of the Bible and Bible literature in Spanish sent to Madrid by the British Bible Society were confiscated and turned over to the paper factories to be ground into pulp.—The Converted Catholic.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.
ATTENDANCE, MARCH 15

Calvary Jackson	1020	258
Jackson First	970	304
Ellisville	112	
Highland Meridian	231	
Ackerman	100	
Griffith Jackson	766	332
Crystal Springs	322	105
Brookhaven	455	115
Louisville First	269	77
Bethlehem (Choctaw)	35	
Calvary Greenwood	140	51
Sunflower	72	
Bear Creek	67	28
Corinth First	286	84
Double Springs (Webster)	28	
Wallerville	83	55
Olive Branch	92	52
Calvary Tupelo	290	78
Salem (Covington)	156	203
Bethlehem	65	46
Montevista	57	33

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Bear Creek	39	
Laurel	88	57
Montevista	49	
Pinola	29	
Double Springs (Webster)	34	
Wallerville	70	25
Olive Branch	67	36
Sunflower	52	
Crystal Springs	289	84
Highland Meridian	250	
Ellisville	183	
Calvary Jackson	822	220
Calvary Tupelo	210	59
Louisville	214	55
Griffith Jackson	627	317
Vicksburg First	312	126

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Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. J. I. Hill, State Line; Rev. D. I. Young, Eden; Bro. V. M. Harrell, Old Men's Home; Rev. H. A. Hunderup, Clinton; Rev. C. M. Day, Liberty; Rev. C. L. Bullard, Gloster; Rev. C. C. Jones, Mendenhall; Rev. O. A. Eure, Union Church; Rev. J. S. Deaton, Jackson; Rev. W. F. Garner, Grenada; Miss Mary Delilah Ruth, Hillman College; Miss Edith Sue Williams, Raleigh; Rev. S. A. Wilkinson, Quenton; Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr., Blue Mountain; Clarke Rakestraw; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Bigham, Sumner; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Rev. G. M. Harbin, Pearson.

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KEMPER BAPTISTS WILL MEET
AT DEKALB

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Kemper County Baptist Association will be held at the DeKalb Baptist Church on March 29, 1942. Mr. T. W. Puckett, assistant moderator, will preside over the sessions of the meeting which begins at 10 a. m. Central War Time. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Good music with spiritual hymns will intersperse the program throughout.

10:00 a. m.—Devotion—Rev. A. D. Vaughn.

10:15 a. m.—Sunday School Lesson—Dr. O. R. Mosley.

10:45 a. m.—A Sunday School in Every Church—Prof. S. M. Price.

11:00 a. m.—Training Sunday School Teachers—Prof. C. E. Crawford.

11:20 a. m.—Financing Christ's Work—Dr. D. A. McCall.

12:15 p. m.—Noon lunch served by the ladies of the DeKalb Church.

1:15 p. m.—Devotion—Rev. Ed Grayson.

1:30 p. m.—Cultural Value of the Baptist Training Union—Dr. J. M. Cook.

1:45 p. m.—How W. M. U. Helps Its Members—Mrs. Annie Mae Kavanaugh.

2:00 p. m.—Evangelism—Dr. D. A. McCall.

Dr. McCall will speak in the college auditorium in Scooba, Sunday evening at 7:15. All are invited to hear him.

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Stout woman: I want to return this washing machine.

Salesman: Why, what's wrong with it?

Stout woman: Every time I get in the thing the paddles knock me off my feet!

RESOLUTION

We, the members of the Missionary Society of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, desire to honor the memory of our beloved friend, Mrs. Modena Lowrey Berry.

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom and love has removed from our midst our faithful co-worker whose spirit departed this life January 31, 1942;

Whereas, being keenly aware of the irreparable loss, not only to our Society, but to the entire community, yet we bow in submission to our Father. Therefore,

Be it Resolved: First, as our knowledge bears testimony of her greatness, that we emulate the stellar virtues of this godly woman; that we render thanks unto the Maker for the beautiful influence of her Christian life.

Second, we shall miss her kindly advice, for she was always ready to give wise counsel when needed.

Third, that in her death we have lost a kind, efficient, diligent fellow-helper, who lived for others, and who was ever ready to heed the Savior's admonition to "feed My sheep."

Furthermore, Be it Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to her devoted daughter, to The Baptist Record, to the Southern Sentinel and that a copy be kept on the minutes.

Committee:

MRS. I. Q. HARDIN,

MRS. J. F. GUYTON, JR.,

MRS. G. T. CALLICUT.

Blue Mountain, Miss.

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A VOLUNTEER FOR GOD'S CAUSE AS
A CHAPLAIN IN THE NAVY
(Dedicated to Our Dear Pastor, Brother
B. T. Beckman, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, Miss.)

With heavy hearts we come to say,
Goodbye to you, dear Brother Beckham,
For two and one-half years you've been
our guide,
Our shepherd and our pupil's pride.

No other church has ever known
A pastor closer to God's throne.
No other shepherd ever led
More loving flock than you have fed.

You felt God's call to be a chaplain in
the Navy
For our boys, Oh, what a shepherd and
what a guide.
It breaks our hearts to see you go,
Because we trust and love you so.

But down through the months, and even
years, though near or far,
As you teach and preach to our Navy
boys,
May God's blessings be with you through
every trial.

Our prayers shall seek you wherever
you are.

And we are sure that you will pray
For each of us, dear Brother Beckham,
For your great soul cannot forget
The ones who hunger for you yet.

The love of God has lent you light
Your leaving us must then be right;
But it will be so hard to find
Another leader of your kind.

God give us us wisdom to pursue;
God give us strength to carry through.
The noble work that you began
Among us for the Son of Man.

We cannot pay the debt we owe,
For all your service we know.
Your consecration and your worth
Have sanctified our bit of earth.

And your own presence shall abide
Upon this church to grace and guide.
Our thanks to God till time shall end
For such a shepherd, such a friend.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT,

Calvary Church,
Greenwood, Miss.

Touching the Bases

FRED R. LANGLEY, Director
Soldier and Defense Projects Service

The President of the United States told the nation recently: "Never before have we had so little time in which to do so much." These words are very timely to each individual citizen of this country. Had he directed these words to Mississippi Baptists regarding the work among soldiers here in our own state instead of the national program in our all-out war efforts it would have been just as timely. We wish that every Baptist pastor, church member and layman could go to each army camp and see for themselves the thousands of young men preparing for the defense of our America. Then if we could visualize the battlefields of the world we would see the great number of these young men who will die away from home and loved ones for a righteous cause that will insure our own personal liberty and freedom.

The present world-wide struggle is both a military and spiritual war in which the stake is nothing less than souls of men. Let us remember a great military force is directed and given over to God. Let us also remember that these men in our own state are the responsibilities of Christian people and Baptists should lead in carrying the gospel to the training centers, while there is time.

We thank God for groups in many places who seek to do this. Recently one Baptist pastor stated that he was asked to preach in an air base chapel on Sunday morning and determined in his own heart that this was his one chance to preach Christ. This he did, realizing that many of the men sitting before him would soon be gone and perhaps he would never have this opportunity again. He stated that he had fine results from the message, many of the boys coming to him after the service with their problems.

A representative of a fine group of laymen came to find out if permission could be granted by the chaplain for a band of laymen to conduct religious services in the post, saying that they were eager to present the message of Christ to the soldiers. A chaplain of another faith in one of the army camps in discussing this matter stated that ministers coming to the chapels at the invitation of the post chaplain should preach Christ's message in pure, simple language so the boys could understand, and also give them an opportunity to accept Him as Saviour and Lord.

This chaplain had been in the army continuously since the World War of 1917-18 and spoke with some authority and years of experience in dealing with service men.

General Douglas MacArthur recognized the necessity of chaplains to develop religious life in men in the service years ago and advocated this as far back as 1931. We bring these experiences to your attention in order that you might see that men of long army service recognize that something can be done to strengthen the spiritual lives of sailors and soldiers and marines.

Last, but not least, does any individual who calls himself a Christian believe that God would have given His only begotten Son to die to save all men from their sins if it failed to include these groups of uniformed men? This is a matter of repentance and acceptance on the part of the individual, personally, for the Book says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, and he that believeth not on the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:36. "And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." John 10:28.

Make no mistake about the soul needs of these boys in our camps, and let each of us work to see that the gospel and the Bible plan of salvation is offered them, else their blood may be upon us.

State WMU Convention-Meridian April 7-9

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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Mrs. W. F. Welsh, 2201 28th Avenue, Meridian, is chairman of the committee to secure homes for the delegates and visitors. Please help Mrs. Welsh and her committee to arrange for your entertainment by sending your name to her. Our friends are furnishing bed and breakfast.

Friends of Miss Auris Pender will regret to learn that she is held as a prisoner by the Japanese in Hong Kong. Will every one who reads this be faithful to pray for her and her family? HE is all powerful and will work out His purpose. Let's claim this promise for her and her loved ones "as thy days are so shall thy strength be."

WELCOME * * * BAPTIST WOMEN TO MERIDIAN

We are indeed happy that the 1942 W. M. U. Convention is to meet in our city. We have been looking forward to having you as our guests for nearly a year. During this year the entire world has undergone drastic changes.

War—with its hatred, strife and heartaches—has enveloped each of us. There has never been a time when we needed so much to "draw nigh to God."

Meridian, county seat of Lauderdale County, is the second largest city in the state and is known as a farming and railroad center, being located on six railroads. In addition to a railroad center, we have three United States highways and two state highways that pass through the city, making it accessible by rail, automobile or bus.

Meridian is proud of its culture and the hospitality of its people. It is a city of trees, beautiful homes and churches. A city of civic pride and public spirit.

Won't you come and join hands and hearts with us in prayer for God's mercy on a sin-sick world, for "in unity there is strength."

MRS. W. E. PIGFORD,
Chairman, Publicity Committee.

March 11, 1942.

TO THE WOMEN OF MISSISSIPPI:
Dear Friends:

Seven years ago I came to the Irish Channel of New Orleans, down on the river front of up-town section of the city. I was invited to come here to work with a group of boys who had become a great problem to their parents, neighbors and police. Some of the first things I noticed were the dirty buildings and the lack of anything for growing boys to do. Our Mission building was badly in need of repair. Not because it had been neglected by the missionaries or by the Home Board but because there was not sufficient funds for repair. The "old timers" around here say that the building had not been painted in forty years. Anyway, it certainly had an aged look. The back of the building was about to fall down. There was no equipment for working with the boys. They came in droves to the Mission but there was not a whole lot that we could do with them.

Those first days here in the Mission were dear ones. I shall never forget. The more I worked with the boys the more the need for some way to keep them busy and interested grew upon me. We tried to have a work shop back in the part of the building that was about to fall but, of course, it was hard to watch falling plank and live wide awake boys with tools at the same time, so we didn't get very far. Finally we had to remove that part of the building because of the great danger of its falling. Then we had no shop for the boys.

The longer we worked with the boys the more the need grew upon us.

Last spring we heard that you dear women from my own Mississippi had some money that we call "The Over and Above" of the Home Mission offering. We talked to Miss Traylor about it and we prayed. You women have no idea how these people on the river front believe in prayer. We have seen so many answers to prayer. One night a group of the boys came in to pray about the possibility of getting this building fixed and about building a shop for the boys. In that prayer group that night there were Baptist, Catholic, Evangelical, Methodist and Jew. I will not try to give the different nationalities. All American and yet very much Mexican, Spanish, German, French, etc. It was several days after that that we heard that you had sent one thousand dollars to the Home Mission Board to be used here in making this place more what it should be.

Today in the place of the very old looking building that we saw seven years ago and that Miss Traylor saw last year there is a beautiful white building at 729 Second street. It has a good roof on it. The porches, three of them, are no longer full of holes. There is a new foundation under the front porch. The iron work on the porch stands cut for it is black with a new coat of paint. There is not so much danger of fire now because all the electric wires have been replaced. (We don't blow a fuse every night.) The entire premises have been termite proofed.

In addition to that, the boys have a beautiful new cabin in the back yard for their work shop. It is equipped with electrical tools. They have made many useful things and are looking forward to making many more. One end of this cabin has been turned into a room for the girls. They are equipped with a sewing machine, cook stove, all the materials that they need. All of this because you women loved God enough to give of your means to help bring the Gospel to the people on the river front.

We are looking forward to great things in the future of this work. The superintendent of the Municipal Home for Boys told me recently that very few boys have come to the Home in the last few years from this section of the city, whereas there used to be great numbers. That is the Home where bad little boys go.

We can never thank you enough for the help you have given. Continue to pray for us that we may win many people to a saving knowledge of Christ. I mean much more than just a public profession of faith. I mean a knowledge that will give them new life and new hope in this world and in the possibilities that lie within them.

Sincerely,

GLADYS KEITH, Superintendent,
Rachel Sims Memorial Mission.

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THE BAPTIST ADULT UNION MANUAL by Secretary J. E. Lamökin was written to fill the growing demand for an Adult Union manual of methods. It covers the ground and should make those who read it better prepared as members of a Baptist Adult Union. It is published by the Sunday School Board and may be purchased from your Baptist Book Store. The cloth edition is 60c, and the paper edition is 40c.

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WANTED: The names of Sunday School superintendents who have served for twenty or more years. —The Baptist Record.

A REGENERATED CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (Continued from Page Four)

some unsaved church members to deal with when the evangelist was gone. In one instance the evangelist insisted that he must make a favorable report. In another instance an evangelist put on the pressure with a crowd of public school children under which more than a score came forward. He became angered because the congregation was dismissed without taking them into the church, announcement being made that the children would be dealt with personally. Upon approaching them it was found they had no real conception of what it was all about. In reporting the meeting to the state paper the evangelist reported thirty-five conversions whereas there were less than a dozen who gave any evidence of having really trusted the Lord Jesus as a personal Savior and joined the church.

(3) Emphasis on church membership rather than on salvation ALONE through the Lord Jesus.

In the early church it is stated that "the Lord added." An old preacher of our state long gone from us said frequently, "We need not be much concerned about folks joining the church. If they are really saved they will add, and if they are not saved we do not want them to add." He was eminently correct. It is our main business to preach Christ to them and persuade them to accept Him. When they have done this they will want to follow Him in baptism.

(4) Failing to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

What egregious blunders have been made by the Lord's people down the ages because of not following the Leader who is in the world to guide us into all truth! It is human to be anxious and to want to see fruit from our ministry, and oftentimes in our anxiety we pull the fruit before it is ripened by the Holy Spirit and what we have is not worth much.

This brings us then naturally to note briefly some of the evils resulting from having unsaved folks in our churches.

(1) The teaching of them is difficult.

"Teaching them to observe." Who? The made disciple, not the unsaved church member. To try to train and develop an unsaved church member is like trying to train a goat to become a sheep and to act like a sheep. It cannot be done.

The one in the church unregenerated has no appetite for spiritual food and it is difficult if not impossible to get him to read Christian literature. There is nothing within to appeal to and that will give response. This explains why The Baptist Record is sometimes found in the waste basket.

(2) The Old Ship has too much dead weight.

Much is being said now about the church failing. If there is a failure it comes of an effort to carry much that is spurious and useless. Every one must admit that what is accomplished is not commensurate with the seemingly apparent ability to accomplish. "If Baptists would tithe" is a cry often heard. Why don't they? "MY SHEEP hear my voice," said Jesus. About three-fourths of the membership of our churches on an average do not hear or, to say the least, do not respond. Are they sheep?

(3) They cause trouble.

Troubles arise in all churches at different times and come, as a rule, of those in the church who give little or no evidence of being real Christians. They adversely criticize rather than sympathize and help.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By
BRACEY CAMPBELL

QUESTION, ANSWER AND PREDICTION

Bible Texts: Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-37; Luke 9:18-25

I. The Question.

The place. Matthew 16:13; Mark 8:27; Luke 9:18.

It was a little to the east of a point due north of the Sea of Galilee that our Lord led His disciples into a period of comparative retirement. He was withdrawing with them now in order that He might give His attention more particularly to those who were to carry His work on after He had gone away. He had chosen this company of men that He might train them to carry on after He had gone. It was they upon whose shoulders, humanly speaking, the work of establishing the church and preaching the gospel would rest after His departure to the Father. So He led them away from the crowds in order that He might have them to Himself for closer personal training, and in His effort to get them alone, He led them farther north than He went at any other period in His ministry. They were here in a country populated largely by Gentiles and under the dominance of the Greek culture of that period.

The Question. Matthew 16:13-15; Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20.

The question of our Lord is very significant. He knows that He is a problem to men; He assumes that He ought to be. He has a right to the attention of men. It is not right for a man to be indifferent to Him, never to give Him a thought, or to say that, of course, He is only a man as other men, and that He is to have no more attention than one of them. There is nothing in the world besides so important to a man as the question as to who and what Jesus is, nothing else in all the world so important as for a man to get the correct attitude toward Jesus.

The answer of the people to the question. Matthew 16:14; Mark 8:28; Luke 9:19.

We have no description of the physical appearance of our Lord to which we can turn with any degree of assurance that we may paint a portrait of Him from the matter thus given: but in the opinions of the multitudes here expressed there is matter that gives me a great deal of joy. Different ones of them thought Him to be any one of a number of great men who had glorified the history of God's chosen people. Some of the people thought our Lord was John the Baptist come back to life. Well now, of this I am sure: John the Baptist was a man's man. He was no weakling. He was no sissy. A great forest bred hero who could look a tyrant in the face without a tremor, was John. I am glad my Lord reminded someone of him. Then there were those who thought our Lord was old Elijah come back. Did you ever close your physical eyes and let the optics of your heart get an eye full of Him? Rugged, deep-chested, keen-eyed commander of the clouds to whom God the Almighty delivered the reservoirs of heaven to control, with power to shut them up

that the earth should have no rain till the old prophet should permit it. And my Lord reminded somebody of that brave old hero of Mount Carmel! Good.

From another angle, I am sorry, of course. These opinions all failed to recognize Christ for what He was. They were all of them the labored opinions of men who strove with only the power of such natural intellect as they possessed to interpret Christ as a mere man. They failed as all of their sort who have come after them have failed, and will always fail. To them He was only a man among other men, He might be a great prophet, but to them he was nothing more.

Our Answer in the Mouth of Peter.

"Thou art the Christ" (Mark); "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew); "The Christ of God" (Luke). I could say much as to the meaning of the word Christ, the great Greek equivalent of the Hebrew word, Messiah; but there is little need, I think, of going into that. He is to us God's way down to us, and our way up to God. The Christ of God is God's interpreter to man and weak man's pleader with God. "The Son of the living God." What did that mean to Peter? Personally, I believe it meant to Peter about what it means to me; and to me it means that Jesus is the Son of God in the same sense that you are the son of your father. Oh, I have heard all about someone's being the "ethical" son of someone else! I have heard of a young preacher's being the son of an elder preacher "in the ministry," but I do not for a moment believe that Peter had this character of sonship in mind. What the Father in heaven had revealed to Peter was not that Jesus of Nazareth was a man so good that it could be said of Him in a figure of speech that He was a son of God; but the Father had revealed unto Peter the blessed truth that this man with whom he had now been going about for months, whose wondrous works he had been seeing, and whose wondrous words he had been hearing was "The only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Believe it, my brother. There was that day with the twelve disciples of Jesus, God Himself, God over all, blessed forever, and this God walked with them and talked with them, asking them questions and settling their perplexities for them.

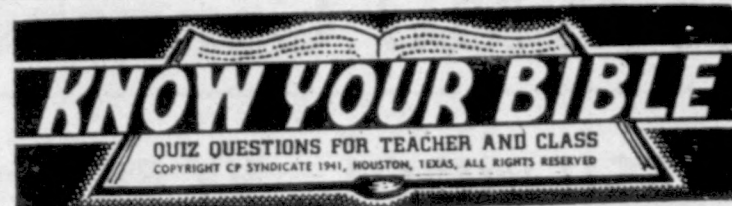
The Commendation.

"Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jonah; flesh and blood did not reveal this unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven." Thus our Lord commended Peter, strengthened him in his faith and informed him as to the source of his conviction as to the identity of Himself. Flesh and blood are not equal to searching out God. No man unaided by the spirit of God ever yet found in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God. The wisest men of earth do not find Him by the power of the unaided mind. Enlightenment in things divine does not come that way, but comes by revelation of the Father. Blessed be His name, He does condescend to reveal to men His Son as Savior, so making them able to set their feet in the path of righteousness.

II. The Church.

The Foundation of the Church.

Do you think He meant to build His church on Peter himself? If so, what



Do you know where in the Bible it refers to 700 left-handed men sling stones? In Judges 20:16, it reads — "Among all this people there were 700 chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at an hair-breadth, and not miss."

When a preacher is called a 'parson,' do you know why he is so called? 'Parson' comes from the Latin 'persona.' It meant, originally 'an actor's mask,' but later came to mean 'that which stands for, or represents, and, accordingly includes 'one who represents God.'

Have you ever heard of the "Parable of the Vinegar"? In 1717, a Bible printed in Oxford, England, contained an error in setting St. Luke's "Parable of the Vineyard." It is said that only about six copies of the "Vinegar Bible" are still in existence.

Was carbonate of soda mentioned in the Bible? Yes, but it was known as 'nitre' in the days of the prophets. It was found in lakes and rivers in tropical countries were underlying rocks are of volcanic origin. See Proverbs 25:20, and Jeremiah 2:22.

FROM THE PENS OF GREAT MEN AND WOMEN!

"Let us recognize the sublime truth that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

—Abraham Lincoln.

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SOWING TO THE SPIRIT

Dr. Lipsey's interpretation of Gal. 6:6-10, in his article headed, "Paying the Preacher," is reasonable, sensible and logical. Our Lord Himself, in His parable of the sower, showed how that preaching the Gospel is like the sowing of seed. In fact, in His interpretation of the parable, He said: "The seed is the word." The preacher is sowing the spiritual seed—words of the Gospel; men's hearts are the ground on which these words enter an understanding heart, and with the heart this man believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, then, as seed germinate in the ground and spring forth into new life, even so, this believer is born of God and receives everlasting life. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on Me," saith the Lord Jesus, "hath everlasting life."

And so, we who pay the preacher are helping to sow the seed of the word, and that is "sowing the Spirit." And we not only reap the benefits of spiritual growth in ourselves, but the reaping that really counts is the harvest of souls that are receiving everlasting life as they believe on the Lord Jesus. When we sow the Spirit we reap everlasting life in those who are believing; not in ourselves, because we already have everlasting life, which we received when we believed.

When we spend money to consume it on our lust we are sowing to the flesh, but when we spend money for the proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ we are sowing to the Spirit. The Lord said: "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

J. E. HEATH,
Winona, Miss., Rt. 2.

"HAPPIEST MONTH" REPORTED
BY NEW WORKER
By Elizabeth Taylor
New Missionary Among Cubans,
Kay West, Florida

This has been the happiest month I have had because I have been able to do in a small way the things my heart so yearns to do. We have grown from a Story Hour of three to a Sunday School of nineteen. All of these are Cubans or part Cubans except three.

We have twelve junior girls and six junior boys who come twice a week for class and handwork. I long to start the kindergarten because many mothers keep begging for one.

Sunday School Department

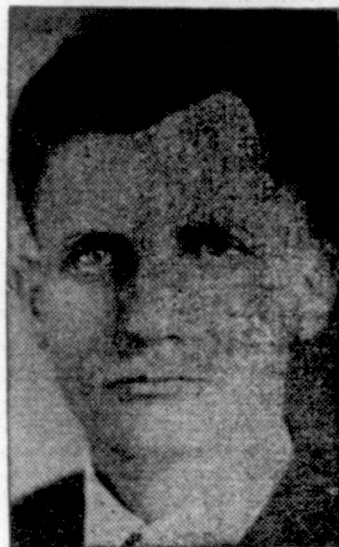
E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

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CONVENTION SPEAKER

CONFERENCE LEADER



Mr. J. N. Barnette, Department of Sunday School Administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will direct the conferences on Administration and will also speak before the Mississippi Sunday School Convention at Brookhaven, April 28-29. He is one of the South's finest Sunday school promoters. Every superintendent in the state should plan to hear Mr. Barnette at the Convention in Brookhaven.

Morgan City

Every teacher in the Morgan City Sunday School has completed this year the training course on "How to Win to Christ." A school may equal that record, but none can excel it. Also, their Intermediate Department was 100% in attendance for two successive Sunday during February. That is a most challenging record indeed!

In addition to these two items, we have also received their application for the 1942 standard award. The Primary Department has been standard now for some time during this year.

To Pastor C. J. Olander and Superintendent S. A. Thompson and all their officers and teachers, we extend heartiest congratulations on this very fine work, and wish for them their greatest year's work this time.

April Training

April is the spring month for Sunday School training. Since the success of any undertaking depends largely upon the training of those who are promoting it, therefore, every pastor, superintendent, associational officer, and all Christian leaders, should begin now to make definite plans for every church in the state to have at least one training course this year. The emphasis this April is on the books of Doctrines and Evangelism. How fine that our Sunday School workers can have the glorious opportunity of studying these great subjects. Our knowledge of things determines in a great way our attitude toward those things and also our actions with reference to them. Every school should plan now for a great training week during April.



Miss Mary Ellen Caver, Birmingham, Alabama, will direct the Cradle Roll Conferences at the Mississippi Sunday School Convention in Brookhaven, April 28-29.

Mission Day

March 29 is the special Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday schools of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the only special Denominational Day of the year, for Home and Foreign Missions.

The purpose of this day is two-fold: To give information to all of our people about our great Home and Foreign Mission programs, and, secondly, to make a financial offering for them. Both of these objects are eminently worthy and worthwhile. Every school in the South should plan very definitely and carefully to make this day a great one indeed. How we have been reminded within recent weeks of the tremendous need of preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus to people throughout the world. That will settle troubles when all other causes have failed.

Special programs for that day have already gone to all the superintendents. Now, let every school plan, pray, and work to make it a day that will be indeed honoring unto the Lord Jesus.

All money given that day for Home and Foreign Missions should be sent immediately to Rev. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

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REV. W. T. GRAVES

Rev. W. T. Graves, age 57, died at the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss., January 24, 1942, after several weeks' illness.

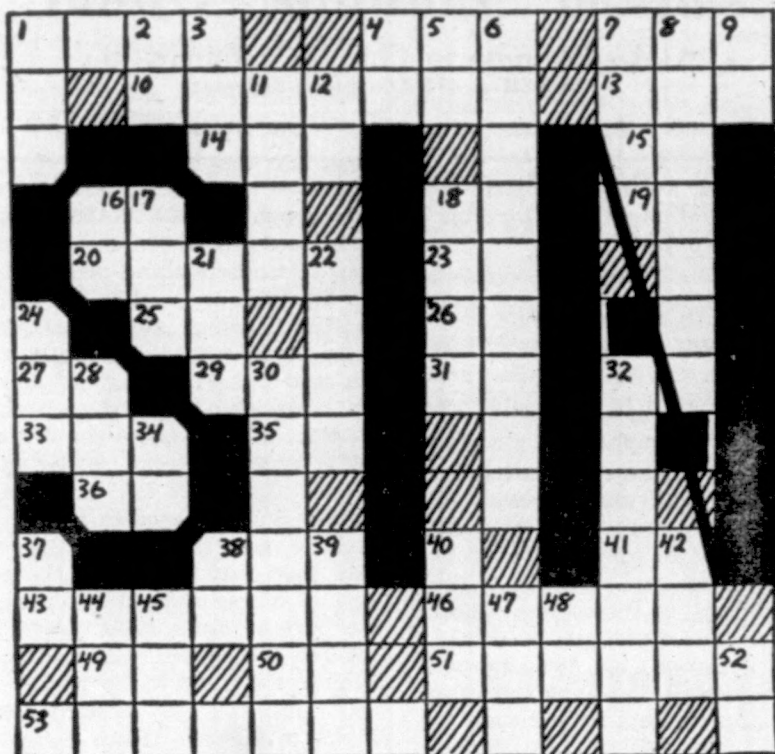
He was a minister of the gospel for 35 years, serving churches in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. His record and work in the Baptist ministry will long be remembered.

He was graduated from Mississippi College in 1918, and from Southwestern Seminary in 1923.

September 17, 1912, he married Mary Florence Davis, at Goss. This union was blessed with five children, Minnie Lee, Joseph, Lee, Ruth and Monroe, who remain to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held at Barton Church, George County, with Rev. Jenkins, Rev. Nix and Rev. Barton in charge of services.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."—John 8:34.

HORIZONTAL

- "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh ... the sin of the world." John 1:29.
- "... them out of the hand of the wicked," Ps. 82:4.
- Mistress.
- "How oft shall my brother sin against me, and I ... him." Matt. 18:21.
- Over (cont.)
- Son of Bani, Ezra 10:34.
- Regius professor.
- "For ... persecuted they the prophets." Matt. 5:12.
- Psalm, beginning "I will sing of mercy and judgment."
- Ancestor of Jesus. Luke 3:28.
- "Now they have no ... for their sin." John 15:22.
- Half over.
- Doctor.
- "Get thee behind ... Satan." Mark 8:33.
- Half an em.
- American Bible Society.
- Same as 19 across.
- Age.
- And (Fr.).
- "The Son of man hath power on earth ... forgive sins." Matt. 9:6.
- "An ass or an ox fallen into a" Luke 14:5.
- Each.
- "All ... of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost" Matt. 12:31.
- "He that is without sin ... you, let him first cast a stone." John 8:7.
- "... and sin no more." John 8:11.
- Chapter in Matthew beginning "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men."
- Realized as clear profit.
- "Neither do I ... thee." John 8:11.

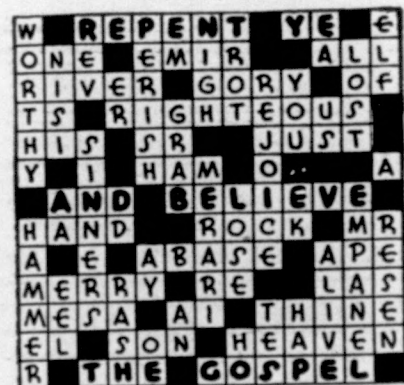
VERTICAL

- "... these evil things come from within." Mark 7:23.
- Continent.
- Satan hath desired to have" Luke 22:31.
- Japanese measure of distance.
- Chapter in John telling of Jesus and the woman of Samaria.
- "He that ... me unto thee hath the greater sin." John 19:11.
- "Sin no ... lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14.
- "He will ... the world of sin." John 16:8.
- Senior.
- Smoke.
- Grand lodge.
- South Carolina.
- "Neither do men put new wine into

- ... bottles." Matt. 9:17.
- "If I had not ... and spoken unto them, they had not had sin." John 15:22.
- Anglo-Saxon money.
- "Come from the ... and from the west." Luke 13:29.
- "Then shall they ... the Son of man coming." Luke 21:27.
- "For thou savourest ... the things that be of God." Matt. 16:23.
- "Of sin, because they ... not on me." John 16:9.
- "Who did sin, this man, or his" John 9:2.
- "More than over ninety and nine just persons, which need ... repentance." Luke 15:7.
- "I ... the good shepherd." John 10:11.
- Promissory note.
- Neat.
- "Neither hath this ... sinned, nor his parents." John 9:3.
- "He is of ... ; ask him." John 9:21.
- "They would have repented long ... in sackcloth and ashes." Matt. 11:21.
- Prefix meaning not.
- "Will draw all ... unto me." John 12:32.
- Old Testament.
- "Is it lawful to ... good on the sabbath day, or to ... evil?" Mark 3:4.

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Panola Plans Already Complete For Sending Training Union Director To Ridgecrest

The Panola County Associational Training Union has its regular meetings on Monday nights. One Monday night, March 2nd, the regular mass meeting was held in Batesville with a good attendance from six churches. This in face of the fact that it had been raining and snowing that day. The Training Union spirit has been built, however, to where the churches are interested and feel that they cannot afford to miss these helpful meetings. The devotional by Brother Tramel, followed by two splendid talks by Misses Epps and Anderson brought the meeting to the time for sectional conferences. Five conferences led by pastors and associational officers occupied the interest of the group for about forty-five minutes. A general session followed, with special music from the Associational Training Union Quartet, and a brief talk by State Secretary Aubert J. Wilds. The matter of the Associational Director going to Ridgecrest was mentioned at which point Associational Pastor-Advisor H. A. Borah introduced the matter of the association sending its director. The representatives were enthusiastic in their response and right there pledged the necessary amount to defray the expenses other than transportation, which the Training Union Department of the state is arranging. The meeting closed in high spirits with a solo by Miss Helen Eubanks of Sardis. Director L. R. White presided throughout the meeting.

Those of us who know Brother N. G. Hickman, pastor of Indianola Baptist Church, regret to know of his illness for several weeks. It has been necessary for him to spend several weeks in the hospital, thus having to cancel an engagement with the Bolivar County Associational Training Union for their enlargement campaign. The Indianola church has a Training Union spirit which usually goes with a Training Union minded pastor. We hope to report a complete recovery of Brother Hickman right soon.

To have a study course a quarter is what most churches "oughta."

A Crusade Against Booze As Beverage

In carrying out the action of the Board at the December meeting, Dr. John L. Hill has been chosen by his

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associates to head a committee which is to organize A CRUSADE AGAINST BEVERAGE ALCOHOL. All of the Board's workers stand pledged to follow Dr. Hill's leadership. As a fighter against beverage alcohol, Dr. Hill is not a novice. From his youth, in season and out of season, he has with his voice and pen struck hard and effective blows against the drink evil. He is now a veteran leader in this age-old fight. He will represent the Sunday School Board in the proposed Crusade and we confidently anticipate that this will mark the beginning of a great moral awakening on the part of our people.

A few weeks ago you read in this column the resolutions passed in a joint meeting of Sunday School Board and State Board School and Training Union workers. We must all get in this fight, and with the Lord as our helper we can shake off the shackles that are so thoroughly retarding the progress of Christianity and civilization.

Extension Work in Panola

A day in Panola County with Director L. R. White was enjoyed by the State Secretary recently. It was a one-day tour that carried us to four communities in which no Training Union work was being done. We found leaders in the church of these communities, visited with them and talked to them about the possibility of their church organizing. In three of the four places we found a real interest that we feel will result in a good Training Union being organized. Plans were made in two of the churches for the director to bring a group of the associational officers their church, one on the third, and one on the fourth Sunday of this month. This group will give a demonstration and lead in organizing. Already many churches have been organized as a result of just this plan of contact. Mr. White says that his experience is that most churches will respond to a personal visit and contact, but that you can't get very far through correspondence.—Moral, go to see them.

Eight New Unions for February

We are happy to report eight new unions for February and they are all in rural churches, one Story Hour, one Adult, and two each of Junior, Intermediate and Young People. We are also glad to report 261 study course awards issued in the month of February. These went to fifteen different associations and were as follows, B. A. U. 108, B. Y. P. U. 78, Intermediate 58, Junior 17. Note the Adults led by a good margin. Our Adult work is growing in a fine way and pastors are finding that the B. A. U. is solving many of the Training Union and other church problems.

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Professor (at summer school): "Do you believe in heredity?"

Teacher: "Yes, There's a little boy in my class who has to go home every day for his books, pencil, and pen. His father's a plumber."

COILA SUNDAY SCHOOL LAUDS MR. G. A. OLIVER

A resolution expressing gratitude for the inspiration and devotion of the late G. A. Oliver was adopted last Sunday by the Coila Baptist Sunday School.

Text of the resolution follows:

Whereas, on January twenty-first Divine Providence saw fit in His wisdom to remove from this life our beloved Sunday School superintendent, George A. Oliver, and

Whereas, he was the embodiment of the priceless ideals and aspirations of the Baptist Sunday School of Coila, and Whereas, for many years he had given most generously of his time and talents to the Coila Baptist Church and this community, assuming large responsibilities of leadership, and

Whereas, he was universally loved and admired by his friends and associates in all walks of life, for his fortitude, his spirit of service, his personal charm and his Christian character, and

Whereas, each member of the Baptist Sunday School of Coila feels in his passing an irreparable loss due to his gentleness, his tolerance, his happy disposition, his sweet and gracious manner, and his sympathetic understanding:

Now be it Resolved: That we the members of the Baptist Sunday School express our appreciation of the long, untiring, loyal and splendid work of the late George A. Oliver, and our gratitude for his inspiration and devotion to the Baptist Sunday School of Coila, feeling that the influence of his life will long continue and that the memory of his benefactions will always be fresh in the hearts of his associates, and

Be it further Resolved, that these resolutions be sent to his immediate family and recorded in our minute books, and further, that each of the Jackson newspapers be furnished a copy with request to publish.

NORMA E. BECK.

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MRS. JOHN MILLER

This is a tribute to the late Mrs. John Miller, who left us February 23, 1942, and whose consecrated life shed a guiding light throughout our entire community.

All who came in contact with Mrs. Miller felt in her that definite closeness with Christ. Her fortitude, happiness and faith through trying illness were amazing. She was gallant and happy under all circumstances whether bright or dark. She loved life with that brilliant mind of hers—this gentle daughter, devoted wife, splendid mother of tall sons and fair daughters. But above all her will was to abide by His will. We know she was gloriously ready to go. always saw Jesus in you!

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.
By Organist,

—BR—

They marked the exams so strictly, they flunked him for having a period upside down.

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WSM	650	Nashville, Tenn.

AND MANY OTHER STATIONS

Note—The government adopted the new time to help win the war. The Baptist Hour thus operates on "War Time," giving the broadcasts every Sunday morning at 8:30 Eastern War Time. (Same hour on your clock as heretofore.)

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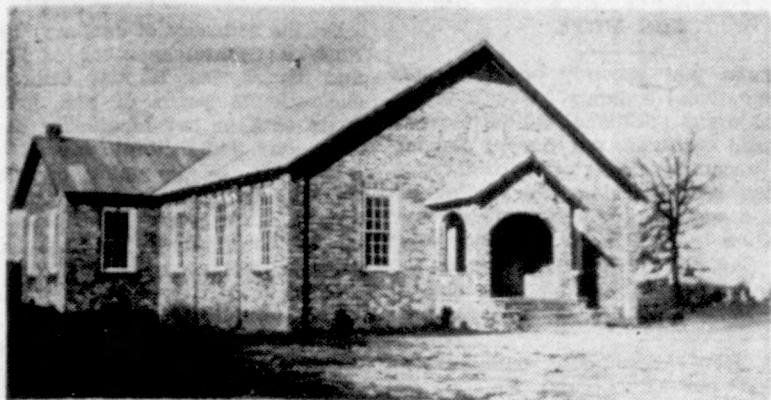
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that your church's communion have in it as much as possible of the beauty, simplicity, and dignity that marks the Lord's Supper. For this purpose we have secured for you communion ware that is beautiful, simple, durable. It may be that you do not need a complete service—that another tray or two, or a few more plates or glasses, will suffice. In either case, won't you let us help you? Tell us what your needs are, and we shall be happy to show you how we can meet them adequately, with complete satisfaction.

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NESHOPA BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATED



REV. RILEY MUNDAY

NESHOPA CHURCH DEDICATED
By Edythe W. McCraw

Sunday was a red-letter day with the Neshoba Baptist church when the dedication services were held. This service, a home-coming as well as dedicatory one, was under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Riley Munday, Mississippi College, Clinton.

Rev. Charles Hamlett III, former pastor and now pastoring the Decatur church preached the dedicatory sermon. In the afternoon a message was brought by Rev. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall of Jackson. Special music was given by Mrs. Hamlet and J. L. Moran of Clinton with Joe Roberts also of Clinton presenting several beautiful "spray paintings."

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was served in the basement by the ladies of the Women's Missionary Union. The Neshoba Baptist church, one of

the oldest in east Mississippi, is perhaps one of the most progressive and wide-awake rural churches in the state. All phases of church work, including Sunday school, Women's Missionary Union with all Auxiliaries and a splendid BTU, are carried on and have been for years.

The church when first organized was located near the present site with twenty nine charter members. The first pastor was Brother A. Winstead and the names of the families appearing on the roll were Moores, Kelly, Gullys, Waltons, Crenshaws, Taylors, Vivrettes and Heflins. During the first years a log building which served as both church and school was used. Other pastors who have served the church are O. F. Breland, C. L. Lewis, S. J. Tullos, J. W. Arnold, L. B. Fancher, J. J. Ingram, F. M. Breland, L. E. Lightsey, R. L. Breland, G. H. Suttle, G. O. Parker, Eugene Stevens, G. A. Cooper, C. B. Hamlett and the present pastor, Riley Munday.

In 1908, while Rev. L. E. Lightsey was pastor a frame building was erected and used until it was destroyed by fire in 1940.

Without a penny, of insurance, but with the greatest faith, the membership set out to erect a modern brick structure and today, debt free, stands a beautiful house of worship, modernly equipped.

This church stands as a beacon light in one of the finest Christian communities in Mississippi. Hosts of young people who have been affiliated with this organization have gone out into the world in the various walks of life, making a fine contribution to humanity because of the influence of this church in early days.

Today with the splendid equipment, the influence of this group will be more far reaching than before.

MOUNTAIN CREEK

The new pastor, H. A. Milner, writes that he believes Mountain Creek is a church that is trying to carry out the teachings of Christ. It is a church of action. Brother W. S. Landrum was the former pastor.

We had Brother Earl Clarke from Parkway Baptist, and Brother Fuman Henry from Harrisville in a B. T. U. Study Course, beginning Friday night and lasting through Saturday. There were forty to take the study course examination. Some of the classes resolved to reach the Standard of Excellence next quarter.

Sunday we all had a glorious day together. Sixty were present for Sunday School. After Sunday School, in the business session, the EVERY FAMILY Plan was adopted, sending The Baptist Record to eighteen families.

When His word had been preached there were six additions to the church. Five by letter and one by faith.

Dinner having been served at the church, we assembled for the afternoon service and the last two lessons of the study course.

"Among the prettiest girls present was Brigadier General Bluff," wrote a young reporter in his account of a party. The next day he was called to the editor's office.

"What the deuce do you mean by writing stuff like that?" demanded the editor. "Well," explained the reporter, "that's where he was."

WHY "SURMISE"

L. D. Posey

Why "surmise" on the second coming of Christ? Why not take the plain simple teaching of the Bible on the subject, and go on your way rejoicing, waiting for the sound of the "trumpet of God," ready to "be caught up together with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air?"

One great present trouble with many of those who now try to preach and teach about the second coming of Christ is, they try to fit present world conditions into Daniel's seventieth week, which will not begin until the real Christians are taken out of the world. Read II Thess. 4:13-18.

The words of Jesus as recorded in Matt. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, together with writing by Paul and other apostles, and numerous prophecies of the Old Testament, are all that deal with present world conditions. Hitler is not known in Bible prophecy.

Hitler cannot be the anti-Christ, for the simple reason that the anti-Christ will be one who will set himself up in the place of Christ. The anti-Christ will be the second beast of Revelations 13, commonly spoken of as the false prophet. Hitler hates the Jews too much to pretend to be one himself. Furthermore, no Jew could ever be made to accept a Gentile as the Jewish Messiah.

In Daniel, chapters 7 and 8, we learn the names of the Gentile political world powers represented by the first three beasts of Daniel, chapter 7. Time has proven the Roman Empire to be the one represented by the fourth beast of Daniel, chapter 7. Daniel 9:26-27 shows conclusively that the man who will embody the characteristics of the fourth beast of Daniel, chapter 7, and the same in the first beast of Revelation 13, will be a Roman; therefore, Hitler cannot be the seven-headed ten-horned beast, the man who will rule the world during the last three and a half years of Daniel's seventieth week, and which covers the period of the GREAT tribulation, and who will be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone by Jesus Himself when

He comes to fight the battle of Armageddon, and set up His Kingdom in Jerusalem to begin His righteous reign of one thousand years on earth. And, thank God, the redeemed of this gospel age, shall reign with Him. In my booklet, entitled "The World's Future As Revealed in the Bible," and endorsed by the late Dr. W. A. McComb, the price of which is twenty five cents, these questions are explained more in detail.

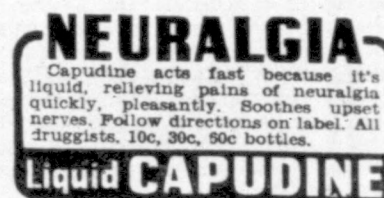
Finally, the Bible teaches that Russia and Germany will be united in the closing years of this dispensation, and together will try to overrun Palestine, but will utterly fail, only one sixth of the armies escaping destruction, which is another proof that the conflict now going on with Hitler on one side and Stalin on the other, is not pictured by direct prophecy in the Bible.

—BR—

An electrician was examining an electric refrigerator that was using too much electricity and could not find the reason.

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NEWS AND TRUTHS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK

OFFERINGS SHOW INCREASE IN FEBRUARY

Continuing the upward swing in effect for many months, offerings to Home Missions in February were up 24 per cent, the treasurer's report made to the executive committee on March 5 showed.

The total received last month, Dr. J. B. Lawrence stated, was \$29,466.35, an increase of \$5,737.47 over the total for February in 1941.

Significant increases were recorded from the Cooperative Program and the Hundred Thousand Club. Dr. Lawrence stated, the first accounting for \$2,668.96 and the debt paying fund for \$2,635.60 of the increase.

Receipts by funds Dr. Lawrence reported as follows:

Cooperative Program.....	\$20,586.04
Hundred Thousand Club.....	6,850.18
Annie Armstrong Offering.....	176.43
Designations	1,853.70

Total	\$29,466.35
February, 1941.....	23,728.88
Increase (24 per cent).....	5,737.47

The Board has on hand funds to retire \$55,000 of the principal of its indebtedness ahead of schedule. Dr. Lawrence reported. This payment, he said, would not interfere with the regular \$55,000 payment on the maturity date, so that the two payments, one ahead of schedule and one on schedule, plus \$55,000 paid on February 1 would make a total of \$165,000 already applied or soon to be applied on debts this year.

Total indebtedness of the Board now stands at \$495,000, Dr. Lawrence said.

Calling attention to the fact that the executive committee was meeting during the week of prayer for Home Missions, the Board's executive secretary said that last year's Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions had reached a total of \$193,298.35.

Soon to be included in the Board's new program of city missions are Washington and Birmingham, according to Dr. Rich H. Hall, Jr., chairman of the city missions committee. A plan of co-operation has been agreed upon between the Home Mission Board and Baptist organizations in each city, inauguration of the work in each case awaiting the selection of a city mission superintendent.

Resignation of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell as superintendent of evangelism, was received at the February meeting. Dr. Leavell asked this to become effective April 1, at which time he will assume the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.

—BR—
HOME MISSION MAGAZINE
INCREASES IN CIRCULATION

The circulation of Southern Baptist Home Missions for March reached a record total of 64,696, it has been announced.

DAN MOULDER

The Flaming, Untiring Country Preacher

By C. S. MOULDER

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nounced by the magazine's mailing department.

During the month there was a net increase of 2,883 in the subscription list, this increase being largely due to individual subscriptions sent in at twenty-five cents for one year or \$1 for five years.

Many churches are beginning to take advantage of the special budget rate by which the magazine can be sent to the entire membership at \$1 for five subscriptions, payable in advance. This rate does not apply to clubs of subscriptions from individuals, but only when a church sends the magazine to families in its membership.

Circulation figures show that the increase has averaged nearly 1,500 for six months, an increase of 8,767 being recorded from October, 1941, through March.

—BR—
FRENCH CONVERT ENTERS
MINISTRY

A French Indian convert on the Home Mission field in Louisiana, who has been doing volunteer mission work by distributing tracts and Gospels, feels a definite impression to prepare for mission work, according to Rev. Lawrence Thibodeaux, Home Board worker.

A church in Kansas City, hearing of the young convert's volunteer ministry, has given him a bicycle for use in colportage. Now, Brother Thibodeaux reports, he is preparing to go to Acadia Baptist Academy, where he will have to take care of himself, his wife and two girls.

"He will begin in the first grade as he reads very little," said Brother Thibodeaux, "but he is determined to prepare himself. We feel sure that God will take care of him and lead him into His service wherever needed in this great field among the French and French Indians."

—BR—
CHINESE WORKER PARTICIPATES
IN MISSION INSTITUTE

A week's engagement in a mission institute sponsored by the Pecos Valley Association in New Mexico was not only a blessing to her but an opportunity for new contacts with Chinese, according to Miss Margaret Jung, Home Board Chinese missionary of Phoenix, Arizona.

Two other Home Board workers, Miss Pauline Cammack of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Rev. Luke Johnson of Arizona, both workers among Indians, participated in the institute, plans for which were under the supervision of Rev. S. M. Morgan of Artesia, Home Board member in New Mexico.

On her way to New Mexico Miss Jung reports that she visited the Chinese mission in El Paso, joining Misses Viola Campbell and Mary Etheridge, Home Board workers there, in visiting Chinese families.

On her own field in Phoenix Miss Jung reports that they have had their first Christian wedding, a fine Christian business man of the city being married recently to a young lady from Tucson—both products of Chinese mission work.

—BR—
GOOD HOPE, SCOTT COUNTY

The Good Hope Baptist Church, Scott County, has just closed a successful study course for the Young People's and Intermediate Training Unions. Miss Emma Waltman directed the training classes, assisted by Miss Laura Green, one of the teachers in the public school. Miss Waltman taught the Young People's B. Y. P. U. Manual, and Miss Green taught the Intermediate Manual.

The following young people will be awarded diplomas for the successful completion of the course: Charles Satterfield, Miss Evelyn Emmons, Berdine Emmons, Dale Clark and Monroe Waltman. The following Intermediates will also be awarded diplomas for completion of the Intermediate Manual: Jean Satterfield, Gary Clark, Kenneth Stroud and Coyt Emmons. Rev. E. A. McGriff is our pastor.

38TH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH OF HATTIESBURG STEADILY ON THE MOVE

We have just recently occupied our new Educational Building. Now that we have the many additional Sunday School rooms and facilities, our Sunday School is fast becoming departmentalized, and there has been injected into the membership a new zeal and a greater determination to strengthen what has long been a fine Sunday School. Mr. E. C. Williams, State Sunday School Secretary, is to be with us March 30-April 3 for a study course.

It has been estimated by building experts that our Educational Building is worth \$4500, but through wise management by our Building and Finance Committees, the actual cost was in the neighborhood of \$1700. Due to contributions by friends, to whom the church will be forever grateful, and an all-out effort by the membership, the program has been a tremendous success. During our building campaign, giving has been at the highest peak since the establishment of the church. One only needs to view the recent accomplishments to realize that when folks at 38th Avenue Baptist Church make up their minds, they do things in a great way.

We are happy to say that during the rush of an expansion program, Evangelism has not been forgotten. Evangelistic fires have been burning continually. As visible proof of this there have been sixteen additions to the membership since July, 1941.

Thirty-eighth Avenue Baptist Church has gone a long way in recent months to organize its man-power for the Lord. A Baptist Brotherhood has been organized, another fine tribute to the leadership of our pastor, Rev. L. M. Chapman. We are attempting to enlist all of our men. Our church has been blessed with excellent youth leadership, as is attested by the work being done by our B. T. U.

Last, but not least in importance, is the progress being made by the W. M. U. The women are organized into circles, and this fine branch of service is steadily growing.

KIAH F. SMITH,
Church Reporter.

MRS. MILDRED MALESSA NUTT

On the 28th day of January, 1942, Mrs. Nutt, a faithful member of Souenlovie and Enterprise Baptist Church, since she was 13 years of age, was called home to hear her Master's "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Whereas, in the going of Mrs. Nutt, we, the members of Enterprise Baptist Church, wish to pay a very tender tribute to the memory of this beloved and noble mother, and faithful child of God.

Whereas, the Lord in His wise counsel saw fit to call her away, we bow in humble submission to His will.

We know that we have this blessed hope, that she has gone to her heavenly home.

To the faithful husband and family, our heartfelt sympathy is extended.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one to The Baptist Record and one to the clerk of Enterprise church.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. B. DAVIS,
MRS. C. P. BROWN,
MR. E. E. WELSH.

Somebody, in urging mothers of infants to attend church with their babies, said, "There is more melody in the crying of a baby than in the snoring of a saint."

Those who have heard a saint snore will quite agree.

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GEORGETOWN PASTOR REVEALS OBJECTIVE

Dear Editor,

I suspect that some folks might be interested to know that recently the Georgetown Baptist Church called me to fill her pulpit.

Since I have been there, several of the members have asked me what my plans are, what I expected to do, and what I anticipated in requirements of the church. Now, the following may be an over-simplification of my attitude, but probably not:

In the first place, I want the church to do exactly what it wants to do—church . . . wants are fundamental, relative and changeable.

The people of Georgetown Church want, fundamentally, a 'church of the church, by the church, and for the world. And that is churchanity.

They want to pay off an indebtedness of approximately fifteen hundred dollars. And they will.

They want to furnish the pastor's study. They will.

They want a better heating system. And they will have it.

They want a cooling system for summertime. And it will come.

They want an increase in attendance. And they will come.

They want a revitalized Christianity. And they shall have it.

They want more loving and less scolding. And so shall it be.

They want more service and proclaiming, and less demanding and complaining. And theirs it is.

And, while these things are being accomplished, nobody is going to feel that the present pastor did all the work. Former pastors laid the plan and the people have the purpose.

Sincerely,

EARL COOPER.

—BR—

MRS. MISSOURI LEECH DULIN

Mrs. Missouri Dulin, Vaiden's oldest and most esteemed citizens, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Varnell, on Wednesday, February 4. She was 94 years of age.

Mrs. Dulin was a member of the Baptist Church from her early girlhood. Her faith in her Savior and her loyalty to His cause has left behind her an influence for good that will long abide; but it was in her home that the quietness and strength of her character was manifested most beautifully.

Mrs. Dulin is survived by the following children: Mrs. W. D. Knox, Winona; Mrs. Evva Varnell, Vaiden; Bob Dulin, Greenwood and Tom Dulin, Vaiden.

Funeral services were held from the Baptist church. Her pastor, Rev. Madison Flowers, was assisted by Rev. James W. McNutt, Presbyterian pastor and Rev. A. L. Davenport, Methodist pastor. Interment followed in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Many beautiful flowers covered the new-made grave.

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BAPTIST WORKSHOP STUDY COURSE

Mr. Charles Barnes, Baptist Student Secretary at the University of Alabama, conducted a Sunday School Methods Course at the Baptist Workshop at M. S. C. W., on February 27, 28 and March 1. The book, "Young People's Department of the Sunday School", by W. P. Phillips, was used in the discussions.

Miss Anne Lewis of Laurel, Superintendent of the College Department of the Sunday School at the First Baptist Church in Columbus, states that a large number of the Baptist girls attended the discussions. She also states that the efficiency and usefulness of the Sunday School will be increased because of this course.

—BR—

JUST FOR FUN

Gathered Here and There

First Person: "Dull party, isn't it?"

Second Person: "Yes."

First Person: "Let's go home!"

Second Person: "I can't, I'm the host."

HE KNOWETH THEM THAT IN HIM TRUST

He knoweth them that in Him trust,
In troubles He will hide;
He sets men up, their steps will guide,
His arms beneath abide.
The enemy He will thrust out,
When clouds about us lower;
He is our Rock, in Him we trust,
Our refuge and high tower.
He is our light, salvation sure,
And worthy of all praise;
We shall be saved from pestilence,
Today and all our days.
He is our strength, our present help,
Therefore we have no fears;
Though earth be moved, His word abides,
Eternal all the years.
Fear of the Lord is confidence,
Through Him we shall prevail;
Prisoners of hope lay hold on Him,
His love will never fail.

Ernest O. Sellers,
Baptist Bible Institute,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

—BR—

Those who go to college and never get out are called professors.

SPANISH MISSION CHURCH HAS NEW LIBRARY

From the Spanish field in New Mexico comes word that the mission church at Raton served by Home Board Missionary J. B. Parker has a new library.

At the formal opening sometime ago Brother Parker reports that 103 books were on the shelves. All of the volumes were donated.

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WORLD EMERGENCY RELIEF

BAPTIST PAPERS AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS

By John D. Freeman

Address delivered before the Southern Baptist Press Association at Memphis, Tennessee, February 4, 1942:

(The following article should be read by every Baptist. It is the result of much thought and study by Dr. Freeman. It aroused much interest among the editors and should open the eyes of our readers.—Editor.)

That there are subversive forces, dangerous fifth columnists, in the ranks of Christians none can gainsay. They run all the way from the fanatical opponent of organized church work, and the free-lance preacher, to the intellectual highbrow who has become too smart to accept any of the supernatural elements of the Christian faith, who exalts human reason above divinely implanted faith, and who would put all people into an ecclesiastical strait jacket of his own forging.

The outstanding and most dangerous subversive movements of our day and country are (1) anti-supernaturalism, (2) anti-missions, (3) totalitarianism. Whatever form any subversive movement may take in the religious world, it will be found in one of these general classes. What may Baptist papers do to offset them?

I. Magnify Faith. The effort to destroy faith in the supernatural is as old as the human family. For ages men of every class have felt that faith and superstition are synonymous, hence that all thinkers should seek to destroy human reliance upon faith which they know only as credulity, and to cast overboard every teaching and organization which depend upon faith in the supernatural. So today we have the enemy in the intellectual world, seeking to bring all students to spurn everything which cannot be demonstrated or accounted for by scientific methods. We have him in the religious world, seeking to cause men everywhere to deny that God is, that what we see and know and are, came originally from the hand of the Eternal, and that such a thing as a miraculous revelation of the divine will, or the New Birth, or heaven or hell and the coming judgment are realities.

The Baptist paper is our primary defense against this movement, and it can render effective service against it: (1) By keeping the leaders of the movement continuously "upon the carpet" so that they may not by subtle, veiled propaganda slowly undermine the foundations of our religion. When it comes to exposing them, tact and kindness should be shown but absolutely no compromise! (2) By furnishing counter propaganda which will expose the heresies and refute the arguments of all who deny any fundamental part of our faith—(a) Solid arguments such as Paul sent against the heresies of his day; (b) Undeniable witnesses such as Jesus produced in the man who declared to the heretics of that day, "I only know that whereas I was blind, I now see."

I once heard Chaplain Hilyer of the 127th Field Artillery tell of a young college woman who had espoused infidelity. "There isn't any God!" she had declared indignantly to a friend who was arguing with her about the question. "All right," answered the wise friend. "Let us say there isn't. Will you then go out on the fire escape of your dormitory just before you retire tonight, look into the star-studded skies and say out loud, 'There isn't any God?'"

With a flippant toss of her head the young woman said she could stand anywhere at any time and say it. The next day she ran across this friend who asked if she had done as she promised. "Yes," came the abashed reply; "at least I tried to do it. But I could never make the declaration the second time, for something inside me told me in no uncertain terms, 'You're a liar and you know it.' I'll never again feel that there is no God in heaven." Let the whole world be brought right up against the bare facts of life and reality and every sane, honest person will admit the supernatural and bow in the presence of its God.

The final blow at the skeptic and materialist regarding the miraculous New Birth is a Saul of Tarsus transformed into a flaming evangelist who

can stand before a pagan king and make him know that faith in a supernatural Saviour and Lord is not the result of a disordered mind; or a man who has been snatched suddenly from the depths of debauchery and turned into a flame-tongued apostle of righteousness. The Baptist paper ought, therefore, to keep before its readers brief, pungent, terse discussions of all controverted points of our faith and to fortify these with incontrovertible proofs of the supernatural in the form of human interest stories of conversions, achievements and providential interferences with the plans of wicked man.

II. Present Missions. The movement against organized missionary endeavor is another serious subversive thing which the Baptist paper can help overcome. That it is a force to be reckoned with is attested by the fact that less than half the members of our churches ever give a penny to missionary causes, only one in twenty-five, if we leave out the pastors and evangelists, ever wins a soul to Christ, and that there is still active in many southern states strong anti-mission or non-mission groups of professed Baptists. It goes without question that the growth and security of any Christian body depends upon its having a vigorous evangelistic and missionary program. That being true, it follows as an inescapable corollary that the presence in any Baptist body of an anti or a non missionary band constitutes a handicap which will, unless removed, bring defeat.

Our Baptist papers should, therefore, keep before their readers much information about the place and importance of missions in the Christian program. They should furnish pastors and teachers with solid materials for sermons and illustrations. They should carry frequent feature stories which set forth the thrilling romance of the missionary enterprise, the necessity of an organized force behind it and the wonderful results which are being attained by our own conventions as against the pitifully small achievements of other Baptist bodies who seek to save their consciences by "direct" or "faith" undertakings. During nine years as a mission secretary I have found that the most potent appeal that can be made to non-mission churches and their members is to show them what our missionary enterprises are doing and to stir their hearts by relating some of the thrilling stories that come from our workers in the state, the south and the world fields.

III. Oppose Totalitarianism. The most dangerous subversive movement at work among us today is totalitarianism. It expresses itself among our people in various ways. It seeks to destroy faith in reliance upon a supernatural Saviour and in the New Birth by claiming that any religious faith is good if its holder is sincere; by herding all men together in a "super-church," regardless of their creedal differences, and by seeking to substitute a social gospel for a Gospel that is Christ-centered, Cross-bowed and Blood-stained. It knows that as long as any Christian group stands solidly upon the creed written by Paul to the Ephesians—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father—it can never control them or hope to make them a part of its ecclesiastical domain.

It seeks to overcome orthodox by ridicule, cajolery, threats, and by showing "new frontiers" which God forgot to reveal in His divine Word and which such apostles and evangelists as Peter, John and Paul, Huss, Bunyan and Luther, Spurgeon, Broadus and Carroll, failed to discover as necessary addenda to those which they advocated and defended with all the passion of their great hearts and power of their mighty minds.

Romanism is the mother of totalitarianism. Let it never be forgotten that wherever her gory hand rests upon a people all individual and group freedom is gone. The latest example of her brutal treachery is to be seen in Spain where she has been reinstated by the papal Satellite, Franco, and where her priests are in full charge, and only one small Baptist church has been left to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and human freedom! The very genius of Romanism is one-man rule and human slavery. Wherever she holds sway in religion, totalitarianism is inevitable in government of all kinds.

The present upsurge of councils, cliques and such in religion is due either to the efforts of some hierarchical offspring of Rome, to Rome herself, or to misdirected efforts of well-meaning evangeli-

cals to offset the power of Rome by counter movements modeled after the papacy. Somehow there is in the hearts of many otherwise noble men the false idea that one cannot depend upon the masses to go aright without being controlled by a few. They deny that Democracy is a possible form of social control, and claim that it is utterly impossible as a means of religious organization and direction. Even some Baptist pastors and theological professors are advocating our becoming a part of their totalitarian movement.

What can our Baptist papers do about it? They can present through their columns the genius and origin of the movement. They can expose the nature of its present leadership, many of whom are highly paid prelates who have set themselves up to dictate the policies and doctrines of evangelical Christians, some of whom are flagrant left-wingers in politics and extreme radicals in their religious faith. Our papers can expose the nature of their organization and method of securing funds and let the people see how like modern secular rackets they are. They can magnify the New Testament plan of co-operation among the people of Christ, keeping always to the front the majesty of the true church a local body of Christ or household of faith—the place of the association, the necessity of special agencies or boards through which co-operative work is done, and the nobility of the plan of financing religious work as set forth in the Scriptures. They can exalt the Bible as the Word of God and the New Testament as the sole needed rule for faith and practice in all religious affairs, and they can keep continually before the mind of every reader the God-ordained dignity and place and importance of the individual in human society.

The Baptist paper is a mighty force among us. Regardless of the continuous criticisms that are set against it; in spite of the fact that its income makes it incapable of rendering the most effective service possible; in spite of the charge that people do not read it—in spite of every adverse criticism and every handicap, he who knows the facts will put the Baptist paper high up among the useful instrumentalities of our religious program and life. It is sorely needed now to combat heresy. It is our strong stay against subversive movements in the religious world. It can be a bulwark in defense of individual liberty, which means all liberty. Let it realize its mighty power, accept the challenge of the day and set forth upon a holy crusade the end of which is to wrest the initiative from the hands of the Saracens who would destroy our holy faith and enslave our Baptist people!

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Next September practically all American colleges will experience a drastic drop in enrollment because of the war. By contrast the fourteen Christian colleges in China, now in the fourth year of war against Japan, report an increased enrollment. This year's figures show a growth of more than 38% as compared with maximum enrollment before the war began. Total number of students is now 9,000. (To be exact, the number is 8,993.) Only one college in the list of 14 reports a decrease. The Christian college is evidently appreciated throughout China and is filling an ever-increasing place in the life of the Chinese people.—Missions.

Miss Auris Pender of West, Mississippi, is one of six Baptist missionaries imprisoned by the Japanese in Hongkong, according to word received here. The other five are: Dr. M. T. Rankin, regional secretary for the Orient; Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Ward, of Alabama; Rev. O. Quick of Missouri, and Miss Flora Hudson of Kentucky. Dr. Robert Beddoe, superintendent of Stout Memorial Hospital at Suchow, Free China, asked Baptist Mission Board officials to appeal to the state department in Washington.

At the present rate of payment the Baptist Bible Institute will be clear of all debt by May 1, 1945. If Hundred Thousand Club increases continue they will pay out even earlier.

Rev. M. Glenn Smith has resigned his work at Mashulaville and Concord, effective May 1st, to enter school at Southwestern Seminary.

Brother H. Leo Eddleman, formerly of Palestine, has begun his work as professor of Semitic Languages at Baptist Bible Institute. He is in great demand as preacher and lecturer. He is the son of Rev. R. A. Eddleman, of Clinton, Miss.